

comprehensively to the opioid crisis within rural communities. For more information visit the [Rural Health Opioid Program Grant Opportunity](#).

Grant Opportunities provided by Norris Consulting

Visit the link for a listing of ongoing grant

opportunities: <http://www.norrisconsultinggroup.com/pages/news.htm>

Employment and Internship Opportunities

QDOBA

If anyone knows someone looking for a job in the Raymore/Belton area please let them know that Qdoba is now hiring for all shifts and positions. We are set to open in August, and located in the Walmart/Lowes shopping area. Starting pay is \$10 an hr. It's really simple to apply all you have to do is go to Qdoba.com/jobs and search for Raymore, MO.

SUMMIT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Summit Christian Academy (SCA) in Lee's Summit has a number of open positions for the 2017/2018 school year. If you have questions or need additional information, please fee free to contact me at clewis@sca-kc.org or at [816-525-1480](tel:816-525-1480). Carol Lewis, Human Resources

Upper Level Math Teacher – Ideal candidates would have a master's degree in math or a

master's degree with 18 graduate level math hours in order to teach dual credit math classes. Candidates with a degree in math will also be considered.

Childcare Workers – Part-time positions with before and after school hours. A love of and concern for children is a must!

Maintenance Workers – Full and/or part-time cleaning positions.

Transportation Coordinator – Candidates must be highly organized, be computer literate, have attention to detail, and have their CDL with passenger endorsement or be willing to pursue it.

Bus Drivers – Candidates must have a CDL or be willing to secure a CDL. Drivers are needed for daytime field trip and evening athletic events.

All positions, with the exception of bus drivers, come with an SCA tuition discount. The teacher and support staff applications can be found on the [Summit Christian Academy Website](#) in the About SCA/Job Opportunities area. Questions can be directed to Carol Lewis at [816-525-1480](tel:816-525-1480) or at clewis@sca-kc.org.

OPENING- EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR- KANSAS CITY METRO AREA

The Education and Outreach Coordinator will be responsible for conducting educational programs and related activities designed to provide community members with comprehensive sexuality education and serve as a community resource on sexuality and reproductive health. The Education and Outreach Coordinator develops and maintains key community relationships and acts as a community liaison to schools, nonprofit agencies, community groups, religious organizations, volunteers, and donors.

To Apply:

<http://www.careersppgreatplains.org/missouri/2017/5/26/education-and-outreach-coordinator>

Submit your cover letter, resume and current salary or salary requirements to:

ppgp.hr@ppgreatplains.org

Job Posting at MOCSA

MOCSA is hiring a bilingual-Spanish Education and Outreach Specialist. Please share with your contacts and friends. More information found [here](#).

Vanessa Crawford Aragón |Community Prevention Coordinator

MOCSA| Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault

3100 Broadway | Suite 400 | Kansas City, MO 64111 | 816.285.1333

MO Crisis Line: 816.531.0233 | KS Crisis Line: 913.642.0233

Resources and Publication

Self-Advocacy Resources for Youth with Disabilities

KASA (Kids As Self Advocates) is a national, grassroots project created by youth with disabilities for youth and is a project of [Family Voices](#). It is made up of teens and young adults with disabilities speaking out. KASA knows youth can make choices and advocate for themselves if they have the information and support they need. Their activities include:

- Representing the voice of youth living with disabilities and chronic health conditions by speaking to policy makers at public events and hearings

- Educating our communities, including students, teachers and administrators at our schools; medical students and physicians; and federally funded cafe and agencies and state programs
- Serving as advisors to the over 40,000 members of Family Voices across the country and organizations and agencies interested in promoting youth involvement and leadership

KASA provides personal stories, resources on a variety of topics, a forum, and information in Spanish.

Aging With Pride Website

The LGBT+ National Aging Research Center is dedicated to creating innovations to address the health, aging, and well-being of LGBTQ midlife and older adults and their families. This Center is built upon strong-collaborations across the nation with LGBTQ older adults, their families and communities, and service providers as well as multidisciplinary experts from such diverse fields as Social Work, Medicine, Public Health, Sociology, Nursing, Psychology, Statistics, and Ethics. The Center projects illuminate innovation in the use of science to promote best practices in research, training, and resource and program development to promote equity and reduce social, economic and health disparities now and for generations to come. Learn more about the LGBT+ National Aging Research Center and its projects, research, and community partnerships.

Best Practices in Behavioral Health for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Boys and Men

A new report from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) highlights existing programs that address behavioral health disparities among Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander boys and young men. It also outlines effective tools and best practices in working with this population. Included are strategies for practitioners, educators, and community leaders: 1) Integrate culturally-based strategies, 2) Address masculinity and gender roles, 3) Discuss coping strategies and promote help-seeking behaviors,

4) Acknowledge experiences of racism and microaggression, 5) Discuss immigration and generational issues, 6) Be knowledgeable of ethnicity-specific concerns and 7) Consider sexual orientation issues. Recommendations are also included for policy makers and funders.

Download the [free report here](#).

Community Health Workers' Role in Addressing Infant Mortality

Although the Infant Mortality Rate in the United States is falling, it is still worse than its peer nations, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Several U.S. cities are implementing programs to try to address this problem, which is an indicator of the overall health of a community. Because it is so important to target resources and programs to the right populations who need them, community health workers are playing a key role. Community health workers are advocates from within the community who link people to the programs that can help them, and progress in health outcomes and healthy babies is resulting. Read more about the programs [here](#).

Web-based Toolkit to Advance Community Health Equity

This [customizable tool](#), from Urban Universities for Health, allows institutions to obtain a customized list of measures to assist in evaluation of efforts to enhance and expand a diverse, culturally sensitive, and prepared health and scientific workforce. It provides resources to help establish baseline measures to record progress, set and meet goals, and improve reporting. Toolkit resources include: an interactive web tool, the Metrics Generator, to select strategies, indicators, and measures that align with an institution's unique mission and local needs; a 1-page summary of Urban Universities for HEALTH workforce strategies; a complete list of strategies, indicators and measures included in the Metrics Generator; a detailed evidence base to support health and scientific workforce strategies; a glossary of key terms; example case studies from the Urban Universities for HEALTH demonstration sites to highlight best practices using the strategies and data in the toolkit; and sample institutional dashboards to demonstrate how data might be displayed.

Data On Health Disparities and Disabilities

In recognition of the July 26th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the CMS Office of Minority Health has released two data highlights that examine the health of people with disabilities.

Currently, there is lack of information that describes people with disabilities who also have ESRD. Due to this gap in literature, it is important to describe and understand this unique and vulnerable population. [Medicare Fee-For-Service Beneficiaries with Disabilities, by End Stage Renal Disease Status, 2014](#) examines Medicare beneficiaries who have a disability, with and without End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD).

Some of the findings include:

- Among the list of other chronic and disabling conditions, Peripheral Vascular Disease (PWD) and Pressure and Chronic Ulcers were significantly higher among Medicare beneficiaries with disabilities and ESRD (26.2% and 17.9%, respectively) compared to beneficiaries with disabilities and without ESRD (9.7% and 5.2%, respectively).
- Among hospitalized beneficiaries, Medicare beneficiaries with disabilities and ESRD had higher rates of 30-day hospital readmissions (33.8%) and were high utilizers (32.8%) compared to beneficiaries with disabilities and without ESRD (17.3% and 19.9%, respectively).

[Does Disability Affect Receipt of Preventive Care Services among Older Medicare Beneficiaries?](#) uses data from the 2013 Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey to examine differences in self-reported receipt of preventive care by type of disability for community-dwelling Medicare beneficiaries ages 65 and older.

Some of the findings include:

Among Medicare beneficiaries ages 65 and older, females reporting any type of disability were less likely to receive mammography screening compared to those reporting no disability. Compared to beneficiaries reporting no disability, receipt of pneumococcal vaccination was

consistently higher among beneficiaries ages 65 and older reporting any type of disability.

To access these data highlights, visit [here](#)

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LGBT Aging Cultural Competency Trainings

Cultural competency training is the foundation for all person-directed care, but it can be difficult to locate high-quality training content. The National Resource Center on LGBT Aging provides information regarding various training programs designed and facilitated by leaders in LGBT aging advocacy and cultural competency. Cultural competency training is available at all levels.

Up for World Hepatitis Day on July 28th

Hepatitis affects more than 400 million people worldwide and has led to more than 1.3 million deaths globally in 2015. In the United States, an estimated 4 million people are acally infected and more than 21,000 people died of hepatitis B and hepatitis C-related causes in 2015. Driven by the opioid epidemic, we are losing ground in the fight against new viral hepatitis infections; progress on hepatitis B prevention has stalled and states have seen increases; and new hepatitis C infections have increased almost from 2010 to 2015.

On July 28th, [World Hepatitis Day](#), join the [World Hepatitis Alliance](#) and other international partners to raise awareness, expand testing, improve care & treatment, and make progress towards global viral hepatitis elimination. This year's theme is **Eliminate Hepatitis**, and a variety of resources are available to get involved and share information with our networks. Learn more and do more by:

Downloading World Hepatitis Day [campaign materials](#) (available in multiple languages)

Reading and sharing CDC's [Resources for World Hepatitis Day](#)

Using the [National Viral Hepatitis Action Plan](#) to join U.S. efforts to put us on a path toward [#NOhep](#)

Using the hashtags [#WorldHepatitisDay](#), [#ShowYourFace](#), and [#NOhep](#)

Joining the [#ShowYourFace thunderclap](#)

Finding World Hepatitis Day [events](#) near you, and submitting your own

Healthy People 2020 Health Disparities Data Widget

The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) and the Office of Minority Health (OMH) are pleased to announce the release of a [new healthyPeople.gov](#) data search function. The Health Disparities widget is a new way to access this health disparities information.

This new widget provides an easy way to find health disparities data related to the Healthy People 2020 objectives for the Leading Health Indicators (LHIs). LHIs are critical health issues that when addressed will help reduce the leading causes of death and preventable diseases.

It's easy to embed the widget on your site and give your stakeholders easy access to the available disparities data. Once you've added the widget, there's no technical maintenance required. The content will update automatically with the latest available data.

The widget provides charts and graphs of disparities data at your fingertips. Use the widget to showcase data by:

- Disparity type—including disability, education, income, location, race and ethnicity, and sex)

- Leading Health Indicator

Please, use and share the widget to help inform issues related to health equity.

Are you hosting an event or want to inform people about your agency's program? If so, please forward information (including date, time, brief narrative, along with a contact name for inclusion within the weekly updates to Janet Greene (Janet.Greene@hhs.gov) or Corstella Henley (Corstella.Henley@hhs.gov) for review and consideration.

Upcoming Events and Trainings

[Integrating Historic Food Ways into Current Healthcare Practices - IHS CE](#)

Indian Health Service is hosting an online webinar, Integrating Historic Food Ways into Current Healthcare Practices on Wednesday, July 26th at 3pm EDT/2pm CDT/1pm

12pm PDT/11am AKDT. For more information and the link to join the session, visit [Diabetes Online CME/CE Education webpage](#).

11st - Mountain States RHEC's Native American Cultural Competency Webinar

Session: Cultural Needs Assessments for Health for Providers Working with Tribal Communities

Mountain States Regional Health Equity Council (RHEC) aims to end health disparities in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. One main priority is to provide education and awareness of cultural and linguistic competency within the region. The RHEC is hosting a webinar training series on the history of treaties, utilization of Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services standards (National CLAS Standards) and cultural sensitivity when working with tribal entities, and the impact of cultural needs assessments. Upon completion of this session, the participants will be able to do the following from the specific tribal perspective:

Describe the diversity of existing health care in Indian Country and explain the wide and varying differences in tribal health perspectives and cultures of health

Share examples of best and promising practices of cultural competency aligned with the CLAS Standards

Increase awareness of health equity challenges in tribal communities through the lens of health and cultural needs assessments

Date: July 31, 2017

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Mountain Time

Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/ybtm3wak>

Flex Connections: Intimate Partner Violence and Women's Substance Abuse Recovery

Date: August 1, 2017, 2:00-3:30 P.M. EST

Register Here: <http://tinyurl.com/relationshipsmatter5>

Intimate partner violence (IPV) and women's substance abuse are often intertwined. Some

n turn to substances to cope with the trauma of IPV, and others are coerced into substances by an abusive partner. High rates of substance abuse among women experiencing domestic violence (DV) services, along with high rates of IPV among women seeking substance abuse treatment, underscore the need for an integrated approach. However, DV programs are often unprepared to support women around substance abuse, just as behavioral health providers are often unprepared to identify and respond to IPV. This webinar focuses on ways behavioral health and DV service providers work together to address the complex range of issues women face in trying to find safety, access recovery services, and heal from the trauma of IPV.

Diagnosis, Prevention, and Treatment of Syphilis and HIV — A Healthy People 2020 Progress Review Webinar Now!

[Register Now](#) | August 1, 2017 | 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. ET

Join us on Tuesday, August 1 at 12:30 p.m. ET for a Progress Review webinar featuring 2 Healthy People 2020 topic areas:

Sexually Transmitted Diseases
HIV

Also learn how the Bureau of Infectious Diseases in the Louisiana Department of Health is addressing syphilis and HIV. You can find a complete list of presenters on the registration page.

Register today!

Impact of Social and Cultural Values on Breastfeeding Practice and Strategies to Address Disparities

August 3, 2017, 8:30 - 10:30 am ET

For a full description of this program please visit our [website](#) or [informational flyer](#).

Registration details will be on our [website](#) the day before the program.

Archived versions of our programs are available [On Demand](#) 2 weeks after the live webcast.

[Here to Register](#)

017 AHSR Conference will be in Madison, Wisconsin

: Oct. 18-20, 2017

Dr. Randall Brown and colleagues from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health

ct: DFMCHAHSR2017@fammed.wisc.edu

ite: fammed.wisc.edu/ahsr2017

Registration is now open »

Early Bird (until 7/31) = \$475

Regular (after 7/31) = \$600

Student (undergrad, grad, medical students only – please no residents, fellows or post-docs) = \$375

Location: Monona Terrace, a meeting space designed by Frank Lloyd Wright

100 Nolen Drive

Madison, WI 53703

Booking: Hilton Madison Monona Terrace

100 Wilson St, Madison, WI 53703 *mention AHSR 2017 when booking

Missouri

Missouri Rural Health Conference: Registration is now open!

Please join The Missouri Rural Health Association, Missouri Hospital Association, Missouri Primary Care Association and Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Community Care, as Collaborating Partners on August 15-17, 2017 at The Lodge at Old Brook, Camdenton, Missouri for the 2017 Missouri Rural Health Conference. These organizations are combining forces to bring the most up-to-date information and trends to Missouri's rural health providers.

ear's conference focus continues with access to care to improve health outcomes of residents by bringing hospitals, FQHC's, physicians, clinicians, health departments, ~~the~~ and community front-line workers, community and social agencies, policy makers, ~~the~~, CFO's, transportation and ambulance professionals, together to learn, understand and build bridges to find solutions for breaking down barriers and increasing health access

Please click here to [register](#).

Grants 101 Workshop & VDC Grant Writing Training (August 22 - 25, Kansas City)
The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health (OMH) and the Kansas City Quality Improvement Consortium, are hosting a Grants 101 Workshop.

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Registration starts at 8:00 am. Lunch will not be provided.

Location: Kauffman Foundation Conference Center - 4801 Rockhill Rd, Kansas City, MO

Audience: Community and Faith-based Organizations, Hospitals, Health Centers, Community Colleges, Public Health Departments, Tribes

What's at a Glance:

Grants 101: The Federal Grant Application Process

Federal Funding Opportunities

Technical Assistance and Resources

Engaging and Collaborating with Foundations

Common Mistakes and Important Tips

register for this free workshop go to <https://kcgrants101workshop.eventbrite.com/>

2017 Neighborhood Urban Community Garden-Orchard Walk and Total Man Annual Fall Festival will be Saturday, September 9, 2017.

Fe, Key Coalition and Oak Park urban community gardeners promote this annual walk to bring awareness to community garden- orchard sites within our neighborhoods and encourage residents, families, neighbors and others to use these sites as walking destinations. This annual walk offers a chance to inspire walking within the neighborhood, healthy physical activity for all ages and to allow local residents an opportunity to taste fresh grown produce.

ould welcome companies, or organizations help in publicizing this upcoming Urban Neighborhood Community Garden -Orchard Walk. We are also asking for donations to help with the cost of printing street signs that indicates miles and directions, cases of PowerAde, Gatorade and /or snack bars for participating walkers.

tered walkers will have a chance to visit and tour six-community gardens, four orchards and one aquaponic site. On-site registration for the Urban Neighborhood Community Garden -Orchard Walk will begin at 8:30 am and end at 9:30 am. Registered walkers can start walking at 9:00 am and end whenever they reach the Fall Festival location at 3100 East 31st Street.

If you have any questions, please contact me, at 816-377-9068 or email t@swbell.net

RAGING SOCIAL MEDIA & DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS

Presented by: Jake Lowen and Sean Soendker Nicholson, GPS Impact

nan Foundation Conference Center

mber 29, 2017

n – 11:30am

interactive workshop, learn how to strengthen your advocacy efforts by leveraging practices for common social media platforms and organizational websites. We will cover the most popular digital communication tool sets, discuss nonprofit sector best practices and identify potential goals for your organization. Participants will receive a resource list and toolkit for integrating social media strategies into your advocacy efforts.

Annual LGBTQ Senior Summit

Registration is now open for our 3rd Annual LGBTQ Senior Summit! **This year's summit will be held on Saturday, August 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Grand View University Student Center.**

Mental Health Conference

September 3, 2017

May Inn Airport

5 Fleur Drive

Altoona, IA 50321

2017 Mental Health Conference is designed for professionals, clinicians, administrators, educators, consumers, family members, advocates, and other providers. Conference Audience and Objectives:

Provide an educational opportunity to hear professionals and experts share the most recent trends and issues, treatment methods, and research relating to mental

health, mental illness, and co-occurring disorders.

Provide a forum to stimulate discussion, exchange ideas, and strengthen the support and information network around the state.

Generate public interest in issues relating to mental health and co-occurring disorders.

One Health Conference

The upcoming second annual 2017 Iowa One Health Conference will bring together a multidisciplinary cast of students and professionals in relevant fields to and discuss how the concept of One Health can help drive positive change in health of humans, animals, and the environment. Planning for IOHC 2017 is currently underway. Stay tuned to [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for updates!

2nd Annual 2017 Iowa One Health Conference
Saturday, October 14th, 2017
9:00AM -- 5:00 PM
on University of Iowa College of Public Health Building
TBD
conference registration: to be announced.

oster presenters, click [here](#).

avel information, click [here](#).

Find out more about the Inaugural 2016 Iowa One Health Conference, [here](#).

Nebraska

Rural Health Conference

September 20 – 21, 2017

Nebraska Conference Center

Lincoln, NE

Nebraska Rural Health Conference bring together residents of rural Nebraska communities, rural health professionals of all specialties representatives of state, and national governments, and the full range of private sector rural health organizations.

More information: nebraskaruralhealth.org

Nebraska Public Health Association Conference

September 22, 2017

Quality Suites in Lincoln, NE

Or presentations and posters at publichealthne.org

Kansas

2017 Technical Assistance Cluster: Integrating Advocacy into Your Organization

View: Making advocacy part of your nonprofit organization's work does not necessarily mean hiring new staff! Melinda Lewis will work with teams to develop strategies for involving leadership, staff, volunteers and clients as advocates and champions for their

in.

ing Schedule: Four (4) two-hour sessions; 9:00am – 11:00am

October 4, 17 and November 1, 2017

SH Healthcare Foundation

Antioch Rd # 200 Overland Park, KS 66204

October 14, 2017

Autism Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City's Training Room

Dearborn St, Ste 100 Mission, KS 66202

ply for your organization to participate in the Fall 2017 Technical Assistance

Program, [click here](#) for the application and brief assessment. Once completed,

please submit your application and brief assessment to meganf@supportkc.org. Space is

limited.

Deadline to apply is July 14, 2017.

Organizations will be notified on August 9, 2017 to confirm participation

Funding Opportunities

FY 2017 Funding Opportunity Announcement

Office of Minority Health (OMH) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services administers cooperative agreement and grant programs to support projects that implement innovative models to improve minority health and reduce health disparities.

has released a new competitive funding opportunity announcement (FOA) for which applications are now being accepted. Applications are due by August 1, 2017 at 5 PM ET.

Incement Number: MP-CPI-17-004

Community Title: Empowered Communities for a Healthier Nation Initiative

Estimated Funding Level: \$5 million per one-year budget period, for a project period of 3 years

Office of Minority Health (OMH) at the United States Department of Health and Human Services announces the availability of Fiscal Year 2017 cooperative agreement funds for the Empowered Communities for a Healthier Nation Initiative. The Empowered Communities for a Healthier Nation Initiative seeks to reduce significant health disparities among racial and ethnic minorities and/or disadvantaged populations through implementing evidence-based strategies with the greatest potential for impact.

Program is intended to serve residents in communities disproportionately impacted by the opioid epidemic; childhood/adolescent obesity; and serious mental illness.

more about this FOA and how to apply.

Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control - NCCDPHP
FY-2017-Building Public Health Infrastructure in Tribal Communities to Promote Disease Prevention and Health Promotion in Indian Country Synopsis 1
www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=295254

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for Victims of Crime

FY 17 Vision 21: Integrated Services for Victims Program: Increasing Access

ntal Health Services for Victims of Crime Synopsis 2

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ng Capacity of the Public Health System to Improve Population Health

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Health Funds Synopsis 5

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sity and Inclusion Training Action Plan Implementation Grant Synopsis 1

www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=292433

ACTION SUPPORT MINI-GRANT FOR BUSINESSES

Missouri Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite Program is a state-wide initiative to increase employer support for breastfeeding mothers. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) is offering up to \$500 to a limited number of Missouri employers to help or improve their lactation support policies and programs. For example, funds may be used on locks on doors, privacy screens/partitions, comfortable chair, table or other flat surface to hold a breast pump, or signs. To be eligible to receive a mini-grant, the employer must submit their breastfeeding support policy which must be in compliance with breastfeeding support requirements from the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). Applications can be found [here](#). To apply, please complete the application and budget, and

t by September 1 to marcia.davis@health.mo.gov. Please call 573-522-2820 with questions.

Grants - How to Apply Video Tutorials

o the NIH grant process? Ever wish someone would explain and walk you through the NIH grants step by step? If so, the [new page](#) from NIH Office of Extramural Research may be just for you.

From the How to Apply page, you will find [four new interactive tutorials](#) on the basics of preparing, writing, and submitting your application. Tutorials take between 4 to 11 minutes each to listen through, and you can easily jump ahead to chapters of interest, or go back to review something you've missed. These tutorials link to additional resources and transcripts.

Health Opioid Program

[Opportunity from HHS Health Resources and Services Administration \(HRSA\)](#) announcement solicits applications for the Rural Health Opioid Program (RHOP). The purpose of RHOP is to promote rural health care services outreach by expanding the delivery of opioid related health care services to rural communities. The program will reduce the morbidity and mortality related to opioid overdoses in rural communities through development of broad community consortiums to prepare individuals with opioid-use disorder (OUD) to start treatment, implement care coordination practices to organize patient care activities. The program supports three (3) years of funding. This program operates a range of objectives to respond comprehensively to the opioid crisis within communities. For more information visit the [Rural Health Opioid Program Grant opportunity](#).

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Comment on Draft Research Plan: Screening for Hepatitis B Virus Infection in Pregnant Women

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Aging Cultural Competency Trainings

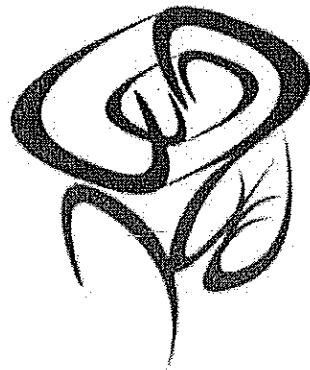
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Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition
Presents:



**State of Mental Health Disparities
in the African American
Community Conference**

The Case for Correcting Cultural Trauma



NORTHEAST OHIO
Black Health Coalition
Educate, Advocate, Empower

Keynote Presenter

**Developing an African
Centered
Mental Health Center to
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**Dr. John E.
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Yvonne Crawley
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WORKSHOP SPEAKERS

Research and Reduce Mental Health Disparities in the African American Community, at August Conference

Cleveland made national headlines in April, when Steve Stephens randomly murdered Robert Godwin and posted video of the act to Facebook. When Stephens took his own life, at the end of a widely publicized two-day manhunt, that was the end of the story for many.

For mental health professionals, however, the story doesn't end there and certainly didn't begin just two days earlier. According to specialists, a long build-up frequently precedes seemingly sudden outbursts of violence. Yet America's mental health system fails minorities, including African Americans like Stephens, more often than the population as a whole.

Health professionals have recognized this disparity for years, and identified various factors at work. Yvonka Hall of Cleveland hopes to facilitate bringing these strands of research together to produce practical solutions.

The Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition, which Hall leads, is presenting the "State of Mental Health Disparities in the African American Community Conference: The Case for Correcting

Plenary Panel Presenters

Creating a Well Rounded Approach to Address African American Mental Health Starts with Community Organizations



**Cheryl A. Boyce,
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**Ohio Federation
for Health Equity
and Social
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Cultural Trauma" in August. "We saw the need for a comprehensive approach to the issues impacting the community as a whole," says Hall.

Both trauma and cultural competency are among the factors which experts see disadvantaging the African American community. The University of Connecticut's Center for Mental Health Disparities says that "many ethnoracial minorities experience cumulative experiences of racism as traumatic, with perhaps a minor event acting as 'the last straw' in triggering trauma reactions." Yet many clinicians overlook the cumulative effect of ongoing racial discrimination, they add.

In combination with other cultural blind spots, systemic barriers including cost have held back effective mental health care for minority communities, according to the American Psychological Association.

Hall says that the August conference will be an opportunity not only to catch up on these issues, but to do real work developing better responses. "The conference will examine the state of mental health disparities through historical documentation, systems exploration and personal testimonies," she says.

"This conference is a unique blend of the issues but also includes solutions," too, says Hall. A range of expert panelists will join attendees in breakout sessions, to explore policy responses



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for every level, from local communities up to state and national programs.

Nationally recognized award-winning author Julius Bailey, Ph.D., will be part of the conference. Its line-up also includes Ohio state Senator Charleta B. Taveres, and the chair of Case Western Reserve University's Bolton School of Nursing, Faye A. Gary, Ed.D, RN, FAAN. A community organizations panel discussion will feature the NAACP and groups from around the country.

The State of Mental Health Disparities in the African American Community Conference begins at noon on Friday, August 18, and continues on August 19 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The conference will take place at Doubletree by Hilton, 3663 Park East Drive in Beachwood. (To book accommodation at a conference rate, guests may call 216-464-5950.)

Conference registration is \$100, which includes breakfast, lunch and program materials. Professional CEUs are also available in several fields. Guests can register online at mentalhealthdisparitiesconference.eventbrite.com or by mail; checks should be made to NEO Black Health Coalition, PO Box 221442, Beachwood, OH 44122.

For more information, call 216-295-0283 or visit neoblackhealthcoalition.org.

About Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition



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of Wisconsin**

Breakout Session Presenters

NEO Black Health Coalition's vision is to achieve health parity (equality) in the African American/Black population

NEOBHC's mission is to address disparities and inequities in education, employment housing, health and the impact on African American health disparities by working to empower, educate and advocate for under-served populations.

About Yvonka Hall

Yvonka Marie Hall is the Executive Director of the Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition. She is a nationally recognized health disparities expert and serves as an advisor to numerous organizations.

The 1974 murder of her mother dramatically changed her life; her childhood promise to use her life to help others has lead to the creation of cutting edge programs and impacted thousands of people's lives. After the murders of her mother Yvonne, younger brother Antoine and best friend Tracey, she dedicated her life to working for the disenfranchised.

She served as Director of the Cleveland Office of Minority Health and the Northeast Ohio Director of Cultural Health Initiatives for the American Heart Association. She is a graduate of Texas Southern University and Notre Dame College of Ohio. She has the distinguished honor of being a Robert Wood Johnson Fellow.

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**Coming Home:
PTSD and
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According to the U.S. HHS on Minority Health:

African American adults are more likely to have feelings of sadness, hopelessness and worthlessness than adult whites.

African Americans living below poverty are three times more likely to report serious psychological distress than those living above poverty.

African American teenagers are more likely to attempt suicide than are white teenagers.

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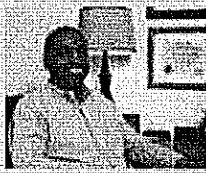
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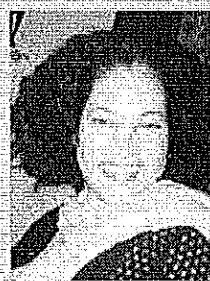
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Midwest Forum on Hospitals, Health Systems and Population Health: Registration Opens, New Speakers Announced

Nov. 29- Dec. 1, 2017

The Westin Michigan Ave., Chicago

The Forum will bring together organizations and key stakeholders dedicated to improving the health of all Americans. The goal of the meeting is to engage attendees in a broad dialogue across sectors to solve complex issues to improve the health of communities and integrate clinical and community health and prevention strategies. Read more below, or visit the Midwest Forum [website here](#).

Registration* for the Midwest Forum on Hospitals, Health Systems and Population Health: Partnerships to Build a Culture of Health is now open!

[Register Here!](#)

Early Bird - \$400 (July 2017 - August 31, 2017)

Regular - \$450 (August 15, 2017 - November 22, 2017)

Onsite - \$500 (November 29, 2017 - December 1, 2017)

Pre-Conference Workshop - \$80

Explore the Midwest Forum schedule, featured speakers, hotel information, call for abstracts, pre-conference sessions, registration, and more on the updated Midwest Forum webpage!

*If you pre-registered, please use the registration link above to complete your registration.

New Speakers Confirmed!

Midwest Forum speakers now include:

- **John Auerbach**, President and CEO, Trust for America's Health
- **Mona Hanna-Attisha**, MD, Director of the Pediatric Public Health Initiative & Pediatric Residency Program at Hurley Children's Hospital at Hurley Medical Center at Michigan State University
- **John R. Lumpkin**, MD, MPH, Senior Vice President-Program at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- **Jan Ruma**, Vice President, Healthcare Council of Northwest Ohio (HCNO); Executive Director, Toledo/Lucas County CareNet; Director, Northwest Ohio Pathways HUB
- **Lisa Simpson**, MB, BCh, M.P.H., FAAP, President and Chief Executive Officer, AcademyHealth
- **Will Snyder**, System Vice President of External Affairs, Presence Health
- **Kimberlydawn Widsom**, MD, MS, Senior Vice President of Community Health & Equity, Chief Wellness & Diversity Officer, Henry Ford Health System; Michigan's First Surgeon General
- **Steven Woolf**, MD, MPH, Professor, Director, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Center on Society and Health

Submit an Abstract by August 11th!

The Midwest Forum on Hospitals, Health Systems and Population Health is seeking abstracts from stakeholders in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin to highlight successes and lessons learned related to the forum topics. Abstracts are due by 11:59pm CT on Friday, August 11, 2017. Abstracts can be submitted to MWFabstracts@iphionline.org.

[View the call for abstracts.](#)

About the Midwest Forum

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- The policy environment for population health and health system transformation
- Using data for care coordination and population health
- Aligning financial incentives and payment for population health
- The role of purchasers and payers in population health
- Integrating physical and behavioral health
- Developing clinical/community linkages
- Connecting health with community development
- How to engage consumers and patients in population health
- Collaborating on and leveraging community health needs assessment and planning

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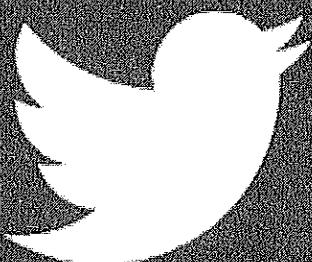


FYI: WEEKLY HEALTH RESOURCES

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HRSA's Behavioral Health

Thurs, July 20, 3-4pm ET

Host: @NHSCorps

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Tues, July 25, 1-2pm ET

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Funding

OMH Grants

- HHS/Office of Minority Health (OMH): Empowered Communities for a Healthier Nation Initiative (ECI). This initiative seeks to reduce significant health disparities impacting racial and ethnic minorities and/or disadvantaged populations through implementing evidence based strategies with the greatest potential for impact. The program is intended to serve residents in communities disproportionately impacted by the opioid epidemic; childhood/adolescent obesity; and serious mental illness. Deadline is August 1, 2017, 5:00 pm ET. [Learn more](#) | View a recording of the [Technical Assistance webinar](#).

OMHRC Funding

- HHS/OMH, Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC): Health Information Campaign for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Subcontracts. OMHRC is awarding subcontracts to organizations that primarily serve the AI/AN populations to strengthen existing HIV prevention services, testing, and increase AI/AN referrals to HIV care. For further information, please contact [Elton Naswood](#). Deadline for application is August 18, 2017 | Technical Assistance webinar, July 25, 2017, 2:00 pm ET. [Register](#).

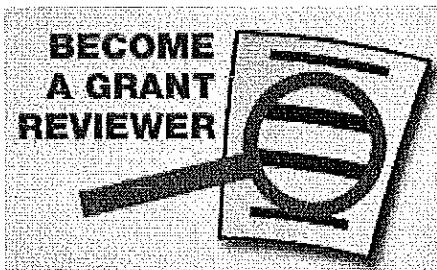
Federal Grants

- HHS/Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA): Health Center Program's Service Area Competition. Supports public and private nonprofit, community-based and patient-directed organizations that provide primary health care services to the medically underserved. Deadlines are [August 21, 2017](#) and [September 11, 2017](#).

Scholarships / Fellowships / Internships / Mentoring

- American Public Health Association (APHA): 2018 Public Health Fellowship in Government. APHA is looking for candidates with strong public health credentials and an interest in serving as a staff person in the US Congress. The fellowship is based in Washington, DC. Deadline is August 14, 2017. [Learn more](#).

- University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center/Oklahoma Shared Clinical and Translational Resources: Translating Practice into Research (TPIR) Trainee Program. The goal of TPIR is to produce clinicians and scientists who have the ability to translate their clinical observations and ideas for improving practice into practical and feasible research projects. Deadline is August 28, 2017. [Learn more.](#)



Grant Reviewers Wanted

- HHS/OMH is looking for Subject Matter Experts to serve as reviewers of applications submitted to its ECI competitive grant program. The ECI is intended to provide support for minority and/or disadvantaged communities disproportionately impacted by the opioid epidemic, childhood/adolescent obesity, or serious mental illness. If you are a professional with a well-documented history as a subject matter expert in the area(s) of opioid abuse; childhood/adolescent obesity; or serious mental illness, please register to become a grant reviewer and submit your CV by visiting the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) [Reviewer Recruitment Module](#).

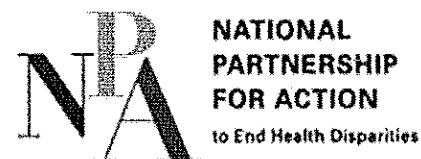
OMHRC at Local Conferences

- OMHRC will be at the [National Dental Association's 104th Annual Convention, July 20-23](#) in Dallas, TX. Come visit us at our booth!

American Indian/Alaska Native Health

Events

- HHS/OMH, National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities (NPA): Mountain States Regional Health Equity Council (RHEC) Native American Cultural Competency webinar series. *Cultural Needs Assessment for Health Providers Working with Tribal Communities*. This webinar is part of an ongoing training series on the history of tribes and treaties, utilization of Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services standards ([National CLAS Standards](#)) and cultural sensitivity when working with tribal communities, and the impact of cultural needs assessments. July 31, 2017, 11:00 am MT. [Register](#).



Black and African American Health

Events

- HHS/OMH, OMHRC and the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing: Webinar. *Heart Disease Risk Factors among African Immigrants Residing in the United States*. Join Dr. Yvonne Commodore-Mensah, Assistant Professor of Community-Public Health Nursing at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, for a discussion of current research on heart disease risk factors in African immigrants in the US, the role of acculturation on heart health, and clinical and public health strategies that might improve the heart health of African immigrants. August 11, 2017, 12:00 pm ET. [Register](#).
- AEIMforward Tech Services and partner organizations: Call for abstracts for the 5th Annual United States Conference on African Immigrant and Refugee Health (USCAIH), *Advancing the Health of African Immigrants through Research, Advocacy and Community Engagement*. Event to be held in Washington, DC. Deadline is August 15, 2017. [Learn more](#).

Maternal & Child Health

Events

- National Institute for Children's Health Quality: Webinar series. *Expert Series on Addressing Infant Mortality*. This [six-part webinar series](#) is an opportunity for public health professionals to hear experts and influencers in the maternal and child health field share examples and best practices for supporting efforts to reduce infant mortality and improve maternal and infant health. The first webinar, *The Residual Impact of Historical Structural Inequities: Connecting Residential Segregation and Mortgage Discrimination to Current Infant Mortality and Breastfeeding Rates*, will be held July 27, 2017, 2:00 pm ET. [Register](#).

Mental Health

Events

- HHS/OMH, NPA: Southeastern Health Equity Council (SHEC) Cultural Competency Resource Guide Spotlight webinar series. *Achieving Behavioral Health Equity in Criminal Justice System Reform Using a Cultural Competency Lens*. This webinar will discuss the over-representation of individuals with serious mental illness in the criminal justice system; the myriad economic, social, and cultural factors contributing to this reality; and program, practice and policy strategies that may prevent criminal justice involvement and strengthen community-based treatment and care. July 25, 2017, 2:00 pm ET. [Register](#).
- Pinellas County Urban League and the USFSP Infant Family Center: Minority Mental Health Awareness forum. *The Well: Sources of Health & Healing in Our Village*. Join Dr. Marva L.

Lewis, PhD, Founder & Director of the Center for Natural Connections and Associate Professor at Tulane University School of Social Work in New Orleans, for a dynamic panel discussion that will highlight the perspectives of: clergy, physicians, clinicians, community members, policy makers/politicians, and funders regarding high quality, culturally responsive mental health services. **July 26, 2017**, 9:00 am ET at St Petersburg College in St Petersburg, FL. [Register](#) | **July 28, 2017**, 9:00 am ET at the Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital in St Petersburg, FL. [Register](#).

Opportunities for Public Comments

- US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF): Call for comments on the Draft Research Plan for Hepatitis B Virus Infection in Pregnant Women: Screening. Deadline is August 9, 2017. [Learn more](#).
- HHS/Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP): Call for written comments on the proposed framework for Healthy People 2030 developed by the Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2030. Deadline is September 29, 2017. [Learn more](#).

Social Determinants of Health

Events

- Good Shepherd Mediation Program: Conflict resolution workshop. *Children of Incarcerated and Returning Parents* (CHIRP). This program offers youth with a parent who is incarcerated or returning from prison an opportunity to deepen their emotional awareness and their ability to manage conflict more effectively. Separate workshops will be arranged for children ages 9-12 and 13-17. The next workshop will be held July 24-26, 2017, 9:00 am ET in Philadelphia, PA. [Learn more](#).

Resources

- HHS/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): New bilingual resource/Nuevo recurso bilingüe. *Motor Vehicle Safety/Seguridad vial*. This online resource offers information in English and Spanish on several motor vehicle safety topics such as seat belts, adolescent and elderly drivers, driving under the influence, distracted driving, and others. [English](#) | [Español](#).

Workforce Development

Events

- US Federal Trade Commission (FTC): Roundtable workshop. *Streamlining Licensing Across State Lines: Initiatives to Enhance Occupational License Portability*. License

portability restrictions often prevent otherwise qualified people from making their services available across state lines or when they move to a new state. This public event will support the Task Force's consideration of how occupational licensing reform could reduce barriers to entry, enhance competition, and promote economic opportunity. July 27, 2017, 2:00 pm ET in Washington, DC. [Learn more](#).

- HHS/HRSA, Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW), Division of Nursing and Public Health (DNPH): Registration now open for the *2017 HRSA Behavioral Health Workforce Virtual Conference*. This free conference aims to showcase innovative academic and training approaches used by behavioral health grantees to expand the distribution of a skilled workforce focused on underserved populations and communities in need. September 13, 2017, 11:00 am ET. [Register](#).

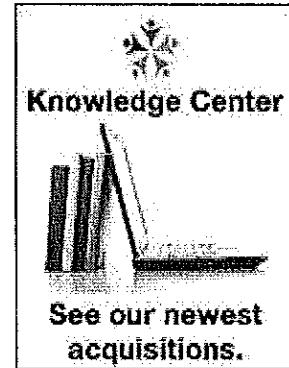
Job Opportunities

OMHRC

- AMTIS is recruiting for a FT Communications Manager position within the Office of Minority Health Resource Center in Landover, MD. Open until filled. [Apply](#).

@ The Knowledge Center - Recommended Reading

- In support of National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, we are highlighting *The Massachusetts General Hospital Textbook on Diversity and Cultural Sensitivity in Mental Health*, edited by Ranna Parekh. This publication is a vital resource for health professionals working with minority and under-represented populations. It includes extensive information on cultural diversity training for health care providers, and provides clinical interviewing techniques and effective strategies for working with a diverse patient base.
- To view this title and find additional information, [search our online catalog](#).



Resources

- HHS/Administration for Community Living (ACL), with funding from the Office on Women's Health (OWH): New database. *Oral Health Website*. ACL has compiled nearly 200 community-based oral health programs and an [Oral Health Guide](#) to promote low-cost,

community-based oral health programs for older adults. Use these resources to start or enhance an oral health program in your community. [Learn more.](#)

@ The Knowledge Center - Recommended Reading

- In observance of National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, we are highlighting *Mental Disorders and Disabilities Among Low-Income Children*, a publication of the National Academies Press. This report compares national trends for the number of children with mental health and behavior disorders with the trends in the number of children receiving benefits from the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. This comparison describes possible factors that may contribute to any differences between the two groups. In addition, an overview of the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders, the influence of racial and socioeconomic factors, and levels of impairment in the U.S. population under age 18 are included for further analysis. The full text book is available to read online.
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Health Care Access in Ohio's Hispanic Community

Each year the Latino Affairs Commission compiles reports on topics relating to Ohio's Hispanic community. Our reports are designed to educate and facilitate discussion on particular matters relating to the Latino community.

We are pleased to present you with our most recent Latino Community Report, which investigates the barriers and opportunities related to health care access for Latinos in Ohio. A critique on

mental health service accessibility is provided, as well as opportunities to increase impact.

Please [click here](#) to view the Latino Community Report. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please [email us](#). We hope to see you at the annual Latino Health Summit this Friday!

Latino Community Report

2017

An Overview of Health Care Access in Ohio's Hispanic Community



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Ohio's Latino Affairs Commission is a state agency that promotes the well-being of Ohio's Latino population. The Commission's mission is to ensure that the needs and concerns of Ohio's Latino community are addressed and to work towards creating a more inclusive and equitable society for all. The Commission's work is guided by the principles of respect, dignity, and equality, and it strives to build strong partnerships with various organizations and individuals to achieve its goals.

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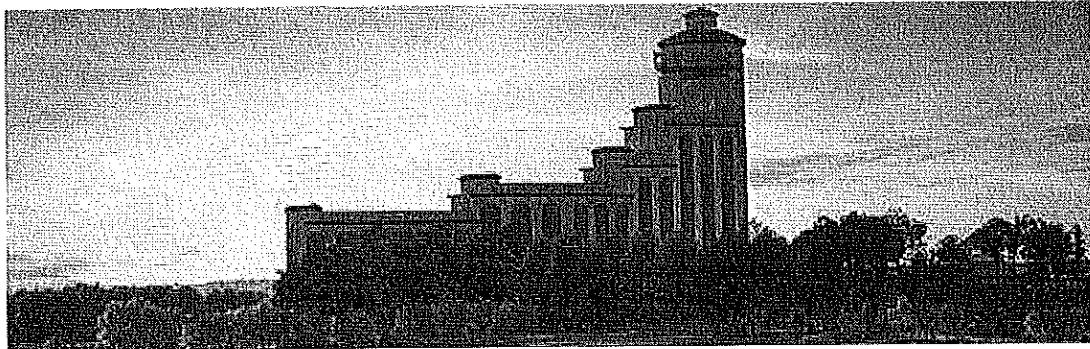
The Louisiana Primary Care Association is currently accepting speaker abstract proposals for our 2017 Annual Conference!

When: October 10-13, 2017

Where: L'Auberge Casino Resort, Lake Charles, LA

This annual event gathers health center clinicians, administrators, CEOs, board members, and partners from across the healthcare spectrum to discuss issues relevant to community health centers and the patients they serve.

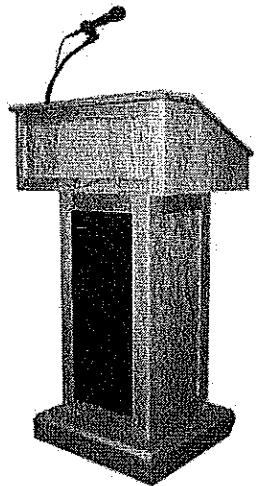
Our theme is "FQHCs: Models of Excellence in Health Care." We will also be celebrating 35 years of serving Louisiana's Community Health Centers! This year's conference will be **BIGGER** and **BETTER** than ever!



Click here to submit a speaker abstract!

Presentations should reflect a current health care model that aligns with the following categories:

- Medical, Dental or Behavioral Health
- Quality, Transformation, and Risk Management
- Administrative Policies and Practices
- Outreach and Enrollment
- Human Resources
- Finance and Billing
- Legislative and Policy
- Customer Service
- Marketing and Public Relations



We encourage you to view suggested conference topics.

Please submit proposals in areas/topics for which you are passionate and have demonstrated expertise that align with this year's theme. Proposed topics must be as specific as possible. Each submission should concentrate on a single topic for presentation.

Multiple submissions from the same applicant are allowed. A concurrent session is 60 minutes in length (50-minute lecture and 10-minute question & answer session). Presenters will receive complimentary registration, lodging and meals.

All abstracts must be received by Friday, July 14, 2017 to be considered for inclusion in the 2017 agenda. Speakers will be notified of their acceptance by Friday, July 28, 2017.

Questions may be referred to LPCA Director of Clinical Quality, Shannon Robertson at srobertson@lpca.net or www.lPCA.net for more information.



Funding Opportunity Announcement

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01/18/2017 12:00 AM EST

Apply By: Tue, 5 Sep 2017

State Systems Development Initiative Grant Program – Tier 2 (States and DC) (HRSA-18-062)

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Buckeye Health Plan is proud to once again sponsor our Community Partners Tent at the 2017 Ohio State Fair in Columbus! Please plan to stop by and say hello!

Each day of the state fair, the tent will give 4 different respected partner agencies (a total of 48 organizations over the 12 days of the fair) a chance to showcase and exhibit their unique and vital community services to thousands of fair visitors – compliments of **Buckeye Health Plan**.

This year's lineup has been organized to correspond with the Fair's pre-selected theme days. The 2017 Ohio State Fair begins on Wednesday, July 26th and ends on Sunday, August 6th.

Listed below is the schedule for the Community Partners Tent, which is located just south of the Taste of Ohio Pavilion (the round building) near the midway at the Fairgrounds.

See everyone at the fair!



Ohio State Fair – Community Partners Tent

Schedule of Organizations Attending

Wednesday, July 26th

Charitable Services Day

- March of Dimes, Kevin Dooley, Columbus
- National Kidney Foundation, Antoinette Greene, Columbus
- American Cancer Society, Leigh Anne Hehr, Dublin
- Ohio Breast & Cervical Cancer Project, Sue Jacks, Newark

Thursday, July 27th

Services for Families Day

- Salvation Army of Columbus, Kristin Harmon, Columbus
- American Red Cross of Central Ohio, Iris Martinez Juergens, Columbus
- Ohio United Way, Timothy Roe, Columbus
- Greater Cincinnati Community Action Agency, Lamont Taylor, Cincinnati

Friday, July 28th

Community Action Day

- Impact Community Action Agency of Franklin County, Carmen Allen, Columbus
- Bridge Community Action Agency of Delaware, Madison, Shelby & Union Counties, Shelley Harmon and Lynda Lukey
- Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, Dontavius Jarrells, Columbus
- Family & Community Services/Valley Counseling of Trumbull Co., Anthonette Blake

Saturday, July 29th

Local Healthcare/Medical Clinics Day

- FACES at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Wynette Collins/Cory D'Ambrosio, Columbus
- BC4Teens at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Sarah Saxbe, Columbus
- Community Health Centers of Dayton, Shanise Wade, Dayton
- PrimaryOne Health, Yolanda Owens, Columbus
- Moms2B at OSU Wexner Medical Center, Carmen Clutter, Columbus

Sunday, July 30th

Buckeye Health Plan Day

- Buckeye Health Plan, Christopher Beers, 330-631-5965, cbeers@centene.com
- USMM/Visiting Physicians, Jennifer Slabinski and Kelly Stewart, Cincinnati
- Columbus Division of Fire, City of Columbus, Trina Cain and Jaime Sierra, Columbus
- City of Columbus Recreation & Parks Department, Greg Winbush, Columbus

Monday, July 31st

Services for Children Day

- National Youth Advocate Program, Ruby Gamble, Cleveland, and Lance Livi, Columbus
- Action for Children of Columbus, Sarah Pontious, Columbus
- Child Development Council of Franklin County, Anita Davis, Columbus
- Early Childhood Resource Network of Central Ohio/YMCA Head Start, Samantha Stewart and Chudney Williams, Columbus

Tuesday, August 1st

Services for Senior Citizens Day

- Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging, Jane Acri and John Lamotte, Columbus
- Ohio Coalition of Adult Protective Services, Susan Marshall and Jamye Richards, Columbus
- Alzheimer's Association, Central Ohio Chapter, Caitlin Purk, Columbus
- Access to Independence, Vince Pelose, Ravenna

Wednesday, August 2nd

Disability Services Day

- The Center for Disability Empowerment, Shari Veleba, Columbus
- The Mentor Network (Ohio Mentor), Jessica Schmieler, Cleveland
- Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY), Tiffany Bailey, Dayton
- Community Assessment & Treatment Services, Robert Newman, Cleveland

Thursday, August 3rd

Minority Health Day

- Ohio Commission on Minority Health, Angela Dawson, Columbus
- Columbus Urban League, Tiffany Dailey, Columbus
- National Association of Social Workers, Gregory Stewart, Cincinnati
- Resolute Group, Certified Navigators, Marjorie Moseley, Dayton

Friday, August 4th

Community Services Day

- Volunteers of America, John Hill and Arica Morgan, Columbus
- Franklin County Department of Job & Family Services, LeeAnn Whaley, Columbus
- Buckeye Ranch, Tanithia Freeman, Columbus
- The Bair Foundation Child & Family Ministries, Adrienne Willis, Columbus

Saturday, August 5th

Drug/Alcohol Treatment Prevention Services Day

- Amethyst Inc., Valerie Coleman, Columbus
- ORCA House Inc., Rochena Crosby, Cleveland
- Northern Ohio Recovery Association, Cathy Davis, Cleveland
- Reeb Avenue Center, Ruth Bell, Columbus

Sunday, August 6th

Job/Employment Services-Economic Development Day

- Red Treehouse (Ronald McDonald House), Jeanine Carroll, Cleveland
- Dress for Success Columbus, Bridgett McKinnon, Columbus
- Pyramid Community Development Corp, Linda Nelson, Columbus
- USO of Central and Southern Ohio, Jackie Spector, Columbus

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BARRIO LATINO ART FESTIVAL

Dear Friend,

The 6th Barrio Latino Art Festival celebrates diversity, innovation, and creative achievement--is being planned for Aug. 13, 2017 at 1205 Broadway St (corner of Broadway St and Western St), Toledo, OH 43609, from 12 Noon to 9:00 pm. Barrio Latino Arts Festival, will promote tourism, culture heritage, and the arts in a bold and innovative way. Our mission is to support artists, promote artistic expression, create funds for local charitable organizations, and bring visitors and neighbors together to share in the spirit of the arts in our community. Proceeds from this festival go towards supporting two area nonprofit organizations: (1) NUESTRA GENTE Community Projects, Inc., (2) THE PROVIDENCE CENTER. We recognize the positive effect creative activity has on individuals; providing enjoyment, enlivening spaces, and enriching lives. The festival also makes a practical contribution in terms of sustainability, providing employment, encouraging learning, and inspiring people to adopt active lifestyles. The festival includes live music; folk dancing performances; artisans and crafters with handmade products such as scarves, blankets, cosmetics, and jewelry; a car show; and art kid's activities including a drawing table, face painting, recognition award to an artist, artwork on display, mural painting, crafts, car show, jalapeño contest, and many other special performances and forms of entertainment. Authentic Hispanic food prepared by cooks from the community is one of our biggest attractions. The festival is set in the heart of an urban neighborhood in South Toledo and attracts a very diverse crowd. And, of course, there are offerings for all age groups. The event will be held on the street in open areas with full access for people with disabilities and is easily accessible from public bus routes. We want to increase the attractiveness of the area to tourists, businesses, people and investments through the festival. People (tourists/visitors) spend money on attending the arts and on local businesses. Further, local spending by these arts venues and patronized businesses has indirect multiplier effects.

The Barrio Latino Art Festival brings people and organizations together to celebrate the diversity within the Hispanic heritage and culture. The program will balance community participation with excellence by offering events of both a local and international flavor. Admission is free.

This is a chance to give back to the community and give at-risk youth life-changing opportunities through the arts. Supporting us helps us show our kids another way of life.

We would be grateful if you could support our community Arts Festival. More than 900 volunteers and spectators were in attendance last year, and the event was covered by the local newspapers and television stations. We are anxiously looking forward to even greater success at this year's event and our teens are running much of the programming. If you support us, we will include you in all marketing materials, to our website and plan on recognizing your organization at our event.

Below are the details concerning this year's sponsorship levels:

Elite Sponsorship options:



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\$80 for 2-4 lines in the festival program book.

If your organization would like to participate in this year's event as a sponsor, please contact me or simply make check payable to: **Barrio Latino Arts Festival** and mail your payment to: **P.O. Box 140661, Toledo, Ohio 43614**. Deadline for sponsorship/ads is July 28, 2017.

Your contributions to this event are tax deductible as allowed by State and Federal laws.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Gracias!

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7	20013658	Epidemiology Investigator 3	Columbus	MISS
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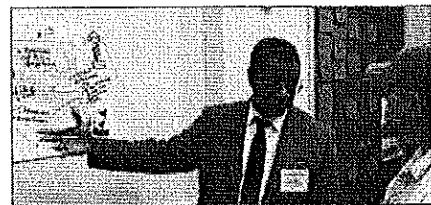
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Eleven State Teams Develop Colorectal Cancer Screening Plans at 80% by 2018 Forum II

CDC hosted the second 80% by 2018 Forum: *Increasing Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates Through Enhanced Partnerships between Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalitions and Federally Qualified Health Centers* on July 18-19 in Atlanta GA.

Nearly 100 participants, presenters, trainers, facilitators, and subject matter experts attended this 1 ½ day training.

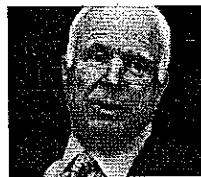
Eleven teams were selected; Idaho, Missouri, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Indiana, New Jersey, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, and Rhode Island.

State teams created action plans focusing on evidence-based strategies such as building and sustaining partner/stakeholders (local roundtables, coalition workgroups), enhancing patient navigation

systems, provider feedback and assessment, and a number of communication strategies.

Follow-up technical assistance will be provided to help teams finalize and implement their action plans. The 80% by 2018 Forum III will be held September 607 with another group of 11 state teams. The Forums are a collaboration with CDC, National Cancer Institute, American Cancer Society, Health Resources and Services Administration, National Association of Community Health Centers, National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, and the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors.

For more information on the 80% by 2018 initiative, go to: <http://nccrt.org/tools/80-percent-by-2018/>



Senator John McCain Diagnosed with Brain Cancer

Senator John McCain has been diagnosed with the aggressive brain cancer glioblastoma. Last week, he underwent surgery to remove a blood clot above his left eye. A subsequent pathology report of that tissue found that it was cancerous.

"The Senator and his family are reviewing further treatment options with his Mayo Clinic care team," his office said in a written statement.

Glioblastoma is the most common form of brain cancer, making up 16 percent of all brain malignancies. It is rare, striking some three people out of 100,000 in the U.S. McCain has had multiple cases of melanoma, a skin cancer, that have been removed surgically according to health records he made public during his 2008 presidential bid. However McCain's glioblastoma is a primary tumor, doctors said in the note issued by his office, meaning that it arose independently of those previous bouts of cancer.

New Fact Sheet on U.S. Cancer Statistics Available

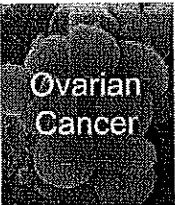
A new [fact sheet \(PDF\)](#) on the United States Cancer Statistics has been posted along with the release of the 1999-2014 data set. Information on the sheet includes an overview of the most recent data and the new [Data Visualizations tool](#), which shows the data in graph and chart formats.

Webinars

- Thursday, July 27 1:00 pm ET
The [Links of Care Update webinar](#) on Thursday, July 27 at 1:00 pm ET will feature an overview of the Links of Care pilot projects, which engage medical communities in helping uninsured and underinsured people get colorectal cancer screening.
- Tuesday, August 3 3:00 pm ET
During "Reducing Breast Cancer Disparities at the State Level: Successes and Lessons Learned from the ASTHO Breast Cancer Learning Community," teams from three states will present lessons learned in addressing racial disparities in breast cancer. DCPC partnered with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials to sponsor the event. [Register here.](#)
- Wednesday, September 20 12:00 pm ET
Young and Strong Webcast Series will feature "Integrative Therapies and Breast Cancer." Jennifer Ligibel MD will review therapies including acupuncture, massage, Reiki, meditation, as well as exercise and nutrition consultation.
Online registration is now open, register at <https://tinyurl.com/ybr2vms6>
- **Replay of NCCRT Webinar** -- "How to Evaluate Activities to Increase CRC Screening and Awareness: Evaluation Toolkit
In case you missed it, access a replay of the June 27 webinar on our updated [How to Evaluate Activities to Increase CRC Screening and Awareness: Evaluation Toolkit](#) here: https://youtu.be/7uoWg1rl_xM
As a reminder, all NCCRT webinars are archived and can be accessed [here](#).

USPSTF Stays Course on Ovarian Cancer Screening

Reprinted from *MedPage Today*, July 18, 2017

Clinicians should not screen for ovarian cancer in women who have no signs or symptoms of the disease, according to a [draft recommendation](#) from the United States Preventive Services Task Force.

The Grade D recommendation, available for public comment until Aug. 14, reaffirms a [2012 USPSTF recommendation](#) against ovarian cancer screening for asymptomatic women.

The recommendation does not apply to women who are known carriers of *BRCA1/2* mutations, which increase the risk of developing ovarian cancer.

No major medical organization recommends screening the general population of women for ovarian cancer, USPSTF officials said in a statement.

"The task force found that screening women without signs or symptoms for ovarian cancer does not decrease the number of deaths from the disease and may lead to unnecessary surgeries," said task force member Maureen Phipps, MD, of Brown University in Providence, R.I.

"The current screening tests do not do a good job identifying whether a woman does or does not have ovarian cancer," added USPSTF chair David Grossman, MD, of Group Health and the University of Washington in Seattle.

"The Task Force hopes that in the future, better screening tests for ovarian cancer will be developed." The draft recommendation and the evidence review supporting the recommendation have been posted to the [USPSTF website](#).

Individuals or groups [may submit public comments](#) about either document through the website.

Following the public comment period, the USPSTF will review the comments and make revisions, if any are deemed necessary, before releasing a final recommendation, which will be posted to the task force website and published in a major medical journal.

Cancer Prevention and Control

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A History Lesson on School Choice

Education reformers have been pushing back against Randi Weingarten's inflammatory remarks at the AFT summer conference earlier this month, where she said the "use of privatization, coupled with disinvestment are only slightly more polite cousins of segregation."

See responses from [Howard Fuller](#), [Kevin Chavous](#) and [Derrell Bradford](#), [Andrew Rotherham](#), [Peter Cunningham](#), [Jeanne Allen](#) and [Travis Pillow](#).





Charter Graduates Get a Leg Up in College

The NAACP and NEA believe charters should be stopped. But Richard Whitmire explained, “the timing of the intertwined anticharter campaigns, however, may prove awkward because of new data.” This new data verifies that students from major charter networks are graduating college at three to five times the national average.

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July 31, 2017

McConnell on Health Care: "It's Time to Move On"

At 1:39 a.m. on Friday morning, Senator Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) took to the floor and pronounced the Senate Republican health care bill dead. It was the most dramatic night in the U.S. Senate's recent history, which climaxed with a dramatic thumbs down vote by Arizona Republican John McCain. After the failed vote, McConnell said: "Now I think it's appropriate to ask what are their [Democrats] ideas. It would be interesting to see what they suggest as the way forward."

The legislation, dubbed a "skinny repeal" of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), lacked specifics but was framed by Republican leaders on both sides of the Capitol as the way to begin a negotiation between the House and Senate on a large health care package. Before the vote, Republican leaders knew that they had no margin of error as Senators Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska.) had already announced their intention to vote against the legislation and Republicans could not afford any other defections, given their slim 52-48 majority. McCain, who made a dramatic return to the Senate earlier in the week after it was announced he had been diagnosed with brain cancer, had not yet signaled how he intended to cast his crucial vote. But his Republican colleagues spent much of the time before the vote trying to persuade him to vote with them. Even Vice President Mike Pence, who was in the chamber in case there was a need to cast a tie-breaking vote, walked over to McCain at 12:44 a.m. to persuade him to vote "yes." For the next 21 minutes, the vice president pressed McCain, Collins and Murkowski to change their votes, but ultimately was unsuccessful.

What the failed health care vote means for Washington going forward remains unclear. On CNN's "State of the Union" on Sunday morning, White House budget director Mick Mulvaney told Jake Tapper that "in the White House's view they can't move on in the Senate" to other issues until they pass a health care bill. He said that the Senate "should stay and work and figure out a way to solve this problem." But given that Congress has a packed calendar and fast approaching deadlines, including passing a budget by Sept. 30 to keep the government operating, as well as raising the debt ceiling before the government defaults in October, it is unlikely McConnell will spend any more precious floor time on health care, at least in the short term.

While disappointed, conservatives inside the beltway have signaled that it is time to move on to tax reform. Tim Phillips, president of the conservative Americans for Prosperity, on the failure to repeal and replace the ACA said, "it's time to pivot to tax reform. There's no time to pout."

D.Y.K.? On July 28, Democratic U.S. Rep. John Delaney of Maryland became the first prominent elected official to announce his candidacy for president in 2020. According to Five Thirty Eight, in the past 45 years, there's no record of any serious candidates announcing that they're running for president this early. In the 2016 cycle, Ted Cruz was the first to declare among Democrats and Republicans. He did so on March 23, 2015 — that was 315 days before the Iowa caucuses.

Can Republicans Pivot to Tax Reform?

After their health care bill died on the Senate floor last week, Republican congressional leaders have begun shifting their attention to another equally herculean task: reforming the U.S. tax code. The White House, Treasury and congressional leaders issued a six-paragraph statement last Thursday showing their commitment to pursuing tax reform before the end of 2017. In a symbolic statement, the so-called "Big Six" of top lawmakers and administration officials vowed to reduce tax rates, simplify the tax code, and improve U.S. economic growth by updating tax laws. While the announcement merely presented a broad mission without delving into any policy specifics, one of the most controversial topics in the tax reform debate was officially abandoned. The border adjustment tax, or the tax on imports, was formally stripped from tax reform discussions. This comes following fierce backlash from retailers, and other import-dependent industries and conservative activists who argued that it was a tax on consumers and would hinder economic activity.

The "Big Six", made up of Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), House Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady (R-Texas), McConnell, Senate Finance Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, and Gary Cohn, the director of the National Economic Council, will have an extremely busy August as they begin crafting tax reform measures after losing one of the largest ways to fund tax cuts, i.e. repeal of the ACA tax provisions. Brady, who supported border adjustability said last week, "for us to unify it was important to set it aside, for now. We've been actively exploring with the Senate and White House a viable alternative," he added. "[We] still have work to do but I like the path we're going."

That path will prove difficult. Republicans plan to use the congressional tool known as budget reconciliation to push tax reform through the Senate without Democratic votes. But any provisions in a reconciliation package that would add to the deficit outside the 10-year budget window must be temporary. Most likely to end up as permanent would be cuts to business and individual rates while the elimination of various individual tax breaks, including the federal deduction for payment of state and local taxes are at stake. NCSL has joined with the other Big 7 state and local groups actively and

adamantly opposing this approach. Specifics for tax reform will be planned during the August recess and Republican leadership will begin whipping members into line on passing a budget to serve as a vehicle for tax reform. It remains to be seen if Ryan, McConnell and President Donald Trump will be able to sell the tax reform plan to the public. Public support will be vital if comprehensive tax reform is to ever be realized.

NCSL Contacts: Max Behlke, Jake Lestock

Congress Will Have a Busy Fall

While the Senate will remain in session for the next two weeks to work on issues that have been sidelined during the health care debate, the House has adjourned for a five-week recess and won't return to Washington until September. And September is shaping up to be a critical month in Washington for Congress and the Republican agenda. Even if health care legislation remains sidelined, Republican leaders will need to secure the votes to keep the government funded and to raise the debt ceiling, which will likely expose the ideological divisions within the GOP again. If Republicans have trouble sending "must-pass" legislation to the president's desk, it will portend an even tougher path for other major initiatives for this Congress, including comprehensive tax reform.

Here are a few of the big-ticket items that Congress must address this fall:

- **Pass an Appropriations Bill:** FY 2018 begins on Oct. 1. Rumors on the Hill indicate that as of now, Congress will likely extend funding until December, and then fight over the rest of the year's funding in the final month of the year. Failure to pass a spending measure in time, which would result in a government shutdown, would be devastating for Republicans and their agenda in Washington.
- **Raise the Debt Ceiling:** Congress has not made any headway on a plan to lift the nation's debt limit because of infighting in the administration and on Capitol Hill on whether or not the raise should come with strings attached. Lawmakers have until October to get this done and, if history repeats itself, don't expect a deal until the last minute.
- **Reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration:** Although bills are under consideration in both chambers, the House and the Senate will need to resolve differences, including whether to privatize the nation's air traffic control system.

- **The Children's Health Insurance Program**, which provides health care coverage to more than 8 million kids, is authorized through 2019, but the funding expires at the end of the current fiscal year, on Sept. 30.
- **Reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program**: The program is set to expire at the end of September. The program has come under scrutiny following its handling of claims from Superstorm Sandy in 2012 and fiscal hawks are concerned about the program's ballooning \$24 billion debt. Numerous members have called for reforms, including proposals for privatization.

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D.Y.K.? The longest terms of office in the U.S. government, aside from judges, are the comptroller general and the assistant comptroller general. They hold office for 15. The current comptroller general is Eugene Louis Dodaro, who assumed his post Dec. 22, 2010.

House Committee Approves Autonomous Vehicle Legislation; Senate Committee Expected to Follow Suit Shortly

On July 27, the House Energy and Commerce Committee approved H.R. 3388, Safely Ensuring Lives Future Deployment and Research In Vehicle Evolution Act (SELF DRIVE Act). The bill aims to update federal regulations, requirements and preemption language related to autonomous vehicles and vehicle technology. Most important, the bill includes language that would expand federal preemption of states from motor vehicle safety to include automated driving systems, or components of automated driving systems.

While still an expansion of current preemption, the final language approved by the committee was changed from earlier versions after a letter from a number of major state associations, including NCSL, the National Governors Association, and others that called on the committee to ensure that states continue to serve in their traditional role as regulators of vehicle operations. Additionally, the letter, spearheaded by NCSL, was successful in revising language regarding exemptions of federal motor vehicle safety standards (FMVSS), and vehicle safety assurance requirements from earlier versions of the bill.

There is a similar ongoing effort on autonomous vehicles in the Senate. On June 13, Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee Chairman John Thune R-S.D.), Ranking Member

Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) and Senator Gary Peters (D-Mich.) introduced a set of principles on self-driving vehicle legislation. The six principles outlined include:

- Prioritizing motor vehicle safety to ensure that federal standards are eventually set.
- Promoting innovation and reducing roadblocks by ensuring that existing rules are updated to account for this new technology.
- Remaining tech-neutral to avoid favoring one business model over another.
- Reinforcing separate federal and state roles to ensure the federal government sets vehicle safety standards while states regulate the driver, and while also making targeted updates for this new technology.
- Strengthening cybersecurity to ensure the vehicles are safe to operate.
- Educating the public around the differences between conventional and self-driving vehicles.

It remains unclear when the Commerce Committee will release a formal bill although a markup is not anticipated until September, at the earliest.

NCSL Contacts: Ben Husch, Kristen Hildreth

DYK? President James Garfield could write Latin with one hand and Greek with the other... at the same time.

NCSL's States' Agenda to be Adopted at Boston Legislative Summit

Next week, the NCSL Standing Committees will meet to consider almost 50 policy directives and resolutions during NCSL's Legislative Summit in Boston. If approved by at least three-fourths of the states in the committees, the policy directives and resolutions will then be considered at the annual Business Meeting. To be part of NCSL's States Agenda, policy directives and resolutions will again need to be adopted by at least three-fourth of the states. These policy directives and resolutions will guide NCSL's advocacy efforts before Congress and the administration.

Below is a link to the policy directives and resolutions the NCSL Standing Committees expect to consider during their meetings on Sunday, Aug. 6, and Monday, Aug. 7. Final votes on all policy directives and resolutions reported from the standing committees will take place at the annual NCSL Business Meeting, scheduled for Monday, Aug. 7, from 3:15--5 p.m.

More on the NCSL Policy Process can be found [here](#).

NCSL Contacts: Neal Osten, Molly Ramsdell

NCSL President-elect Senator Deb Peters Testified Before Congress

NCSL President-elect Senator Deb Peters (R) of South Dakota testified before the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law last Tuesday in opposition to the No Regulation Without Representation Act, H.R. 2887. Peters explained in her testimony that the legislation would preempt countless laws in every state and would cede even more control to the federal government. "Congress has persistently endeavored to erode state sovereignty and undermine the significance of the 10th Amendment in favor of more centralized power at the national level," Peters said. "This erosion of state sovereignty has only accelerated in recent years as the congressional thirst to dictate state governance apparently cannot be quenched."

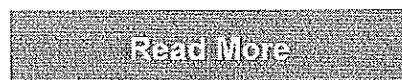
In her written testimony, Peters cited some of the hundreds, or even thousands, of state laws that would be preempted by the No Regulations Without Representation Act, including state laws that prohibit the possession of Salvia, laws that would address the opioid crisis, and laws that protect against invasive species. She also said the legislation being discussed in the hearing would have shut down efforts by states to collect sales taxes on remote transactions and would preempt numerous other tax laws, such as corporate income taxes, in 25 states.

In general, the members of the subcommittee were sympathetic to the concerns raised by Peters, and most offered little or no support for the No Regulation Without Representation Act. Representative Doug Collins (R-Ga.), in his comments, stated that because of the broad and preemptive nature of the bill, "I cannot support the approach we are taking in the subcommittee here today in considering this legislation."

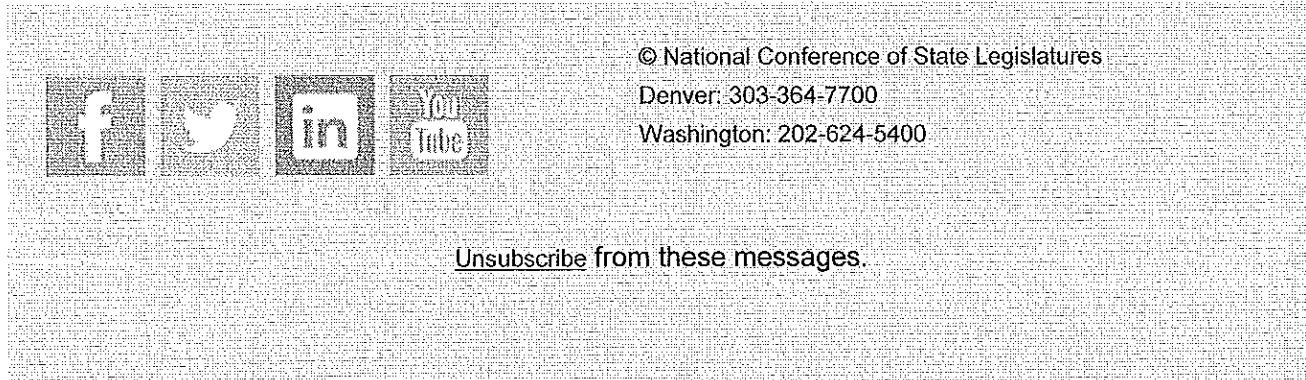
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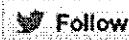
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3 Questions Environmental Attorneys Have About The CWA

The Obama administration's controversial interpretation of the term "waters of the United States" in the Clean Water Act put the 45-year-old statute at the center of one of the most hotly contested environmental policy debates in recent years, and there are plenty of other gray areas when it comes to how the CWA should be put into practice. This is the second in a seven-part series on important open questions about environmental law. [Read more »](#)

Senate Advances Bradley Arant Partner For 11th Circ. Post

The Senate is a step closer to filling an Eleventh Circuit seat after President Donald Trump's pick for the vacancy passed a major procedural hurdle Monday. [Read more »](#)

Mnuchin Blinks At 'No Absolute' Tax Cuts Pledge For Rich

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin appeared Monday to no longer be committed to his pledge for the wealthiest Americans to see "no absolute tax cut" thanks to eliminated deductions offsetting slashed rates, instead



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Analysis

Why Silver Is Taking A Case He Won To The Supreme Court

Former New York state lawmaker Sheldon Silver got his corruption conviction overturned on appeal, but now he's asking the U.S. Supreme Court to look at the decision and make prosecutors work harder in money laundering cases, an attempt that experts say might get the justices' attention. [Read more »](#)

Acting Comptroller Forgoes CFPB Arbitration Rule Challenge

A banking regulator appointed by President Donald Trump on Monday announced that he will not seek to eliminate the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's arbitration rule, leaving a potential vote in Congress the biggest threat to the regulation. [Read more »](#)

Amazon 3rd-Party Vendors May Waive Prior State Sales Taxes

A committee within the Multistate Tax Commission, an intergovernmental tax agency, on Monday adopted a time-limited program that will allow Amazon.com Inc.'s third-party sellers to have prior state sales and use tax liabilities waived if they agree to collect and remit those taxes going forward. [Read more »](#)

9th Circ. Will Hear Arguments For Nixing Kids' Climate Suit

The Ninth Circuit said Friday it will hear arguments on a rare request by the federal government to instruct an Oregon federal court to toss a lawsuit brought by young people and activists accusing the U.S. of failing to protect future generations from climate change. [Read more »](#)

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COMPANIES
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President Donald Trump on late Monday picked military veteran and Bush administration alumnus Daniel M. Gade to fill the final open seat on the five-member U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. [Read more »](#)

BANKING & SECURITIES

SEC Still Weighing Controversial Confidential ETFs

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Friday gave itself more time to review an application to list shares of an opaque, actively managed, exchange-traded fund on the Bats BZX exchange, the second such application the agency has reviewed this year after denying previous incarnations over transparency concerns. [Read more »](#)

SEC Won't Stay Tilton Case While Justices Weigh ALJ Review

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission said Friday that it won't pause its administrative proceedings against private equity magnate Lynn Tilton pending possible U.S. Supreme Court review of two challenges to the constitutionality of the agency's hiring of in-house judges. [Read more »](#)

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

EPA To Add 11 Superfund Sites, Including NY Village Area

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Monday said it plans to add 11 Superfund sites to its roster, including an area in New York at the center of a pending class action involving Honeywell International and Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Corp. [Read more »](#)

Trump Admin Illegally Suspended Enviro Reg, Nonprofits Say

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration has illegally suspended a regulation designed to curb

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greenhouse gas emissions on national highways without providing public notice or allowing public comment, according to a lawsuit filed by nonprofits in New York federal court Monday. [Read more »](#)

EPA Fights Enviro's Bid For Quick Win In Effluent Rule Suit

The Environmental Protection Agency asked a D.C. federal judge Friday to toss green groups' challenge to its postponing the effective dates of a rule setting toxicity limits for power plant wastewater, saying the EPA has full authority to stay compliance deadlines if "justice so requires." [Read more »](#)

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

Judge Strikes Down Ala. Law Appointing Atty For Fetuses

Parts of an Alabama law that would've appointed an attorney to represent the fetus while a minor sought judicial consent to have an abortion absent her parents' consent are unconstitutional, a federal judge said Friday, citing privacy issues and the unreasonable restriction of abortion access. [Read more »](#)

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Del. Becomes Latest State To Legalize Fantasy Sports

Delaware governor John Carney has signed a bill legalizing fantasy sports games like those run by FanDuel and DraftKings in the state, the latest in a trend toward legalizing the games amid a fight over the federal sports-betting ban currently waging before the U.S. Supreme Court. [Read more »](#)

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DC Circ. Says FAA Must Study Shrinking Airline Seat Sizes

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The D.C. Circuit said Friday that the Federal Aviation Administration must properly examine the health and safety effects that shrinking commercial airline seats have on passengers, finding that the agency used shoddy reasoning to reject a passenger rights group's petition to have the FAA regulate airline seat sizes. [Read more »](#)

HOSPITALITY

Florist Asks To Join Baker In High Court Gay Marriage Row

A Washington florist has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to decide whether her refusal to provide services for a same-sex wedding can be considered discrimination alongside the similar appeal of a baker whose case the court has already accepted. [Read more »](#)

EMPLOYMENT

Mo. Court OKs Ballot Language Undoing Right-To-Work Law

A Missouri state appeals court on Friday reversed a decision tweaking language in a ballot referendum proposed by the state's AFL-CIO that would nullify a so-called right-to-work law passed earlier this year, saying the original wording was clear enough to merit collecting signatures. [Read more »](#)

NJ Assembly Passes Bill To Block Atlantic City Layoffs

The New Jersey Assembly passed legislation Monday that would require the state to offer an early retirement incentive plan to public safety employees in Atlantic City before being able to fire them, a few months after a state court blocked proposed layoffs of police officers and firefighters in the struggling resort town. [Read more »](#)

COMPETITION

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Federal Communications Commission
Federal Highway Administration
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Food and Drug Administration
Government Accountability Office
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
National Council on Disability
National Institute of Standards and Technology
National Mediation Board
New York State Assembly
Office of Foreign Assets Control
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
Securities and Exchange Commission
Small Business Administration
Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction
Texas State Senate
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U.S. Department of Defense
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U.S. Department of Transportation
U.S. Department of the Treasury

Bill Would Grant Antitrust Immunity To Boards For Reforms

State professional boards could see their immunity to antitrust suits restored should lawmakers act on a recently introduced bill that would encourage the boards to do away with overly burdensome professional licensing requirements. [Read more »](#)

PRIVACY & CYBERSECURITY

Analysis

Calif. Connected Device Privacy Bill Offers Risky Leeway

Makers of internet-connected devices argue that policymakers should not enact strict mandates on data security and privacy that could dampen innovation in their evolving industry, and to that end, first-of-its-kind California legislation might seem to be ideal. But the would-be law's flexibility could invite security gaps that might imperil consumers' privacy and make the devices — and the companies that make them — vulnerable to cyberattack, attorneys say. [Read more »](#)

Congressman Wants Info On Gov't Use Of Kaspersky Software

The chair of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee has asked a number of federal agencies to fork over information relating to their use of and discussions surrounding Kaspersky Lab's services in light of concerns over the Russian cybersecurity company's potential ties to its home country's government, the committee said Friday. [Read more »](#)

Texas BigLaw Leaders Line Up Against State 'Bathroom Bill'

A half-dozen of Houston's top lawyers were among the dozens of oil, finance and other executives who on Monday told the Texas governor a proposed "bathroom bill" that would bar transgender people from using a bathroom

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of their choice would hurt the state's economy.
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CONSUMER PROTECTION

CFPB Warns Cos. About Phone Payment Fee Disclosures

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau on Monday warned companies against using potentially misleading tactics to trick consumers into paying high fees for paying expenses over the phone. [Read more »](#)

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

Proposed \$200M Pa. Cash Grab Spurs Insurer Lawsuit Threat

A state-created entity aimed at providing malpractice insurance to doctors and health care facilities said Monday that it would file suit if Pennsylvania legislators move ahead with efforts to seize \$200 million worth of its funds to help close a nagging budget gap. [Read more »](#)

AEROSPACE & DEFENSE

DOD Can't Show \$458M In Intel Programs Worked, SIGAR Says

The U.S. Department of Defense cannot show the effectiveness of two programs meant to build the intelligence capabilities of the Afghanistan armed forces despite spending nearly \$458 million, because it did not use appropriate performance metrics, a government watchdog found in a report made public Monday. [Read more »](#)

Iran Cos. Sanctioned After 'Provocative' Space Launch

The Office of Foreign Assets Control on Friday sanctioned six Iranian companies associated with an entity that OFAC said is central to Iran's ballistic missile program, citing

“provocative” recent actions such as Iran’s launch of a space rocket. [Read more »](#)

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

US Sanctions Venezuela President After 'Sham' Election

The U.S. government sanctioned Venezuela’s President Nicolas Maduro on Monday, calling him a “dictator” after the country held elections for a new constituent assembly that U.S. officials say would undermine democratic processes and allow further control of an oppressive regime. [Read more »](#)

IMMIGRATION

Analysis

What To Know About New Acting DHS Chief Elaine Duke

Elaine Duke officially took the reins as acting homeland security secretary on Monday following last week’s surprise announcement that former U.S. Department of Homeland Security Chief John Kelly was heading to the White House. Here’s what you need to know about Duke, a longtime public servant who’s worked at DHS under three presidents. [Read more »](#)

DHS Needs 1.25M Applicants To Get 15K New Agents: Report

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is facing “significant challenges” in meeting a goal set by President Donald Trump in January of hiring an additional 15,000 immigration officers and agents, according to the agency’s Office of Inspector General. [Read more »](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN

Analysis

Health Vote Threat Could Undercut DOI Actions In Alaska

Reports that U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke last week threatened Alaska’s senators

with retaliatory action if Sen. Lisa Murkowski held firm against Republican health care legislation could come back to bite the Trump administration if its legal justifications for any new rulemakings or permit decisions involving Alaska aren't rock-solid, experts say. [Read more »](#)

Native Group Joins Fight To End Sports Gambling Ban

Native American gambling advocates joined the fight against the federal prohibition on sports gambling as the National Indian Gaming Association on Monday joined the ranks of a coalition spearheaded by the American Gaming Association aiming to undo the ban. [Read more »](#)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Analysis

What To Expect At The FCC's August Meeting

The Federal Communications Commission is set to consider initiatives for extending broadband service to underserved areas at its open meeting on Thursday, according to a recently released agenda. Here, Law360 looks at the two top issues expected to make waves at the meeting. [Read more »](#)

DC Circ. Urged To Rethink Nixing FCC Inmate Call Rates Cap

A group of nonprofit intervenors urged the D.C. Circuit on Friday to rethink its decision refusing a Federal Communications Commission move during the Obama administration to place a limit on certain inmate calling costs, saying the decision contradicts so-called Chevron principles as well as decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court. [Read more »](#)

PEOPLE

Dorsey & Whitney Enviro Pro, 'Best Partner' Jim Rubin Dies

James Rubin, a widely respected environmental attorney at Dorsey & Whitney LLP who focused on air pollution and climate change law and policy, died on Friday at the age of 54 from complications arising from cancer. [Read more »](#)

EXPERT ANALYSIS

Series

15 Years Of SOX: The WorldCom And Enron Securities Cases

The private securities cases involving WorldCom and Enron, which were ongoing at the time the Sarbanes-Oxley Act was enacted 15 years ago, served notice on board members and corporate executives of the very real and costly consequences of being asleep at the switch, say Jeffrey Golan and Chad Carder of Barrack Rodos & Bacine. [Read more »](#)

How State High Courts Are Reshaping Anti-SLAPP Laws

Three recent decisions from the California, Massachusetts and Texas high courts reflect continued judicial shaping of anti-SLAPP statutes. Employers, media companies and other potential SLAPP litigants should note how state laws in this area continue to evolve, sometimes in divergent directions, say attorneys with Crowell & Moring LLP. [Read more »](#)

The Missed Opportunity Of The CFPB's Arbitration Rule

Despite having plenty of time to consider alternatives, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau missed or dismissed important sources of data and insight that would have helped it better understand arbitration when creating its new arbitration rule. Those missed opportunities help explain why concerns linger about whether the rule is truly in the public interest, say Eric Mogilnicki

and Eitan Levisohn of Covington & Burling LLP. [Read more »](#)

Gay Couple's Cake Poses Big 1st Amendment Questions

Although the facts and background of *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission* — the “gay wedding cake” case that will be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court next term — are relatively simple, the case represents a complex conflict between First Amendment and anti-discrimination claims, says JoAnne Sweeny, associate professor of law at the University of Louisville, Louis D. Brandeis School of Law. [Read more »](#)

Monthly Column

Congressional Forecast: August

Senate Democrats, upset with the speed and secrecy with which Republicans were drafting health care legislation, have slowed down consideration of Trump administration nominees. But with the health care debate shelved for now, an agreement to clear many nominees may be in the works, say Richard Hertling and Kaitlyn McClure of Covington & Burling LLP [Read more »](#)

LEGAL INDUSTRY

Proskauer Partner Says \$50M Gender Bias Suit Should Survive

A female Proskauer Rose LLP partner urged a Washington, D.C., federal court not to toss her \$50 million gender bias suit before discovery Friday, rejecting the firm’s claim that as a firm partner she lacks the statutory protections given “employees.” [Read more »](#)

The Top In-House Hires Of July

July’s notable legal department appointments include a former FDA policy analyst joining a trade organization for generic drugs, a Jones Day partner making the move to Business Roundtable, and a new deputy general counsel for Penske Media Corp. [Read more »](#)

Calif. Bar Committee Presents Proposal To Lower Pass Score

The legal community is invited to weigh in on the future of California bar exam scores after a much-anticipated study from the State Bar of California yielded two potential ways forward: either leaving the passage score as 144, or lowering it to 141 on an interim basis. [Read more »](#)

Most NY Contingent Fee Cases Don't Make It To Judge Or Jury

Just 1.3 percent of contingency fee cases in New York courts are adjudicated, far fewer than the 13 percent of federal court cases that are resolved by dispositive motions, new research has found. [Read more »](#)

Burford Clinches Portfolio Funding Deal With UK Firm

U.K. law firm Shepherd & Wedderburn LLP and leading litigation financier Burford Capital LLC have inked a deal to fund an array of the firm's cases as part of the first portfolio-based litigation funding agreement with a major British firm, according to a joint statement released Monday. [Read more »](#)

Plaintiffs Bar Perspective: Lieff Cabraser's David Stellings

I've had moments late at night when I asked myself whether I'd be happier trying cases on behalf of a single client instead of representing a group of thousands or millions of people. My answer always has been no, says David Stellings of Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein LLP. [Read more »](#)

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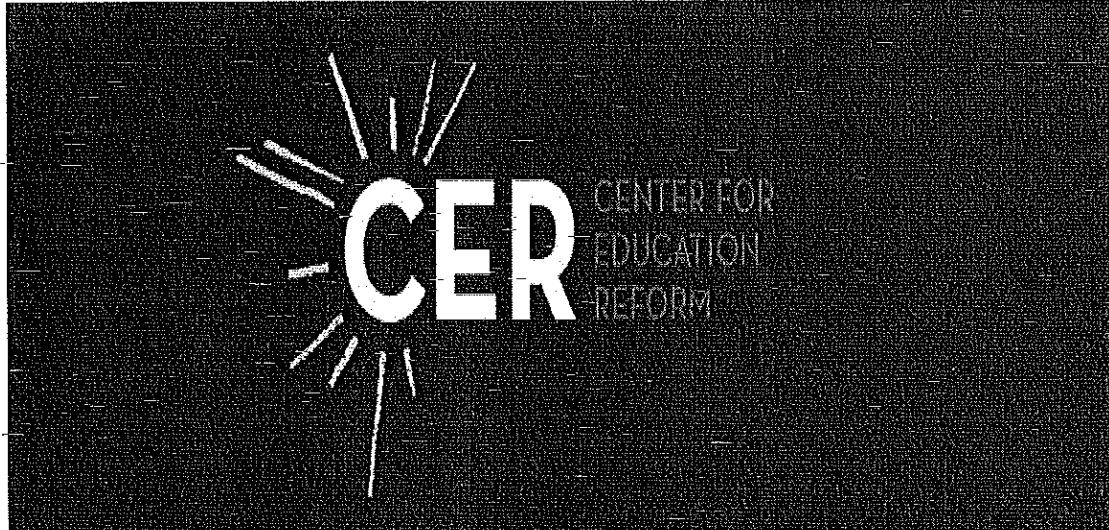
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FIRESTORM. AFRICAN AMERICAN LEADERS SPEAK OUT AGAINST NAACP'S EDUCATION QUALITY HEARING REPORT. The NAACP's recent report on education quality, which challenges the value of charter schools for minority families has African American ed reform leaders in an uproar. Two of the most prominent to speak out: CER directors David Hardy, founder and Chair of Boys' Latin Philadelphia Charter School, and Donald Hense, founder and chairman of Washington D.C.'s Friendship Public Charter Schools. In a statement released through CER, these long-time advocates for options for

disadvantaged youth describe the NAACP's campaign against charter schools as an obstacle to opportunity that only serves to stifle a movement, that for thousands of children, is the greatest – and only - hope for achieving a quality education. Read their full statement here:

<https://www.edreform.com/2017/07/african-american-education-leaders-speak-out-against-naacp-actions/>

WHAT A GREAT QUESTION! Would Martin Luther King Have Supported Charter Schools? That's the question pondered by the man who served as the civil rights legend's chief of staff in the 1960's, Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker. According to Dr. Walker, the question is easily answered with a resounding "yes!" Check out "A Light Shines in Harlem", an award-winning, must-read about Dr. Walker's founding of The Sisulu-Walker School, New York City's first charter school.

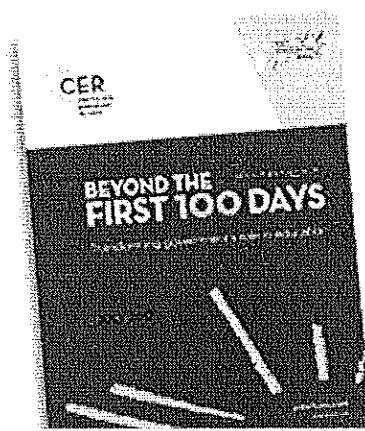
AFT OFF BASE AND OUT OF TOUCH. In another firestorm that won't go out, CER's Jeanne Allen renewed the call for AFT president Randi Weingarten to step down. As you'll recall, the union boss smeared choice advocates, ed reform pioneers, and basically all parents who embrace options for their children by likening them to racists and segregationists. Weingarten hasn't backed away from her statement and is standing behind the "truth" of her assertion, prompting this from Allen: "Randi Weingarten's smug obstinacy in refusing to accept responsibility for her slur against reformers is disturbing. Clearly, she believes staying on message—no matter how insulting that message is to African-Americans and people of color throughout the nation—is more important than honesty, fairness, respect and simple decency."

A RISING TIDE LIFTS BOTH BOATS. Charter school opponents like to claim that the presence of a charter school in a community results in less funding being directed to neighboring traditional public schools (TPS). But a new study of NYC public schools now says otherwise. The Temple University study reveals that having a charter school in the neighborhood spurs competition and consequently generates more per-pupil funding for the

traditional public school with an increase of 9% when the charter and TPS are in the same building and 2% when they are physically further apart. So there goes that argument.

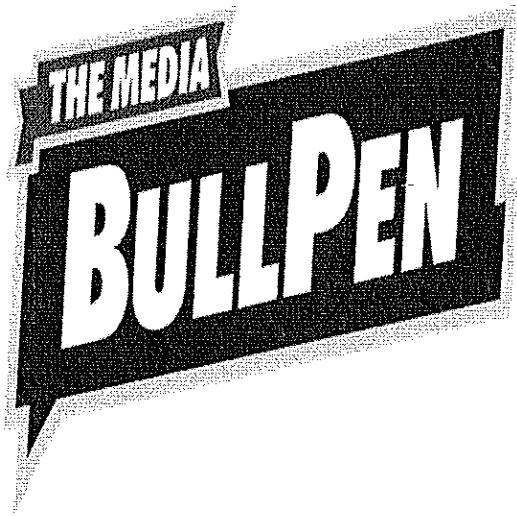
SPACE, THE FINAL FRONTIER. NASA is making efforts to encourage more girls and women to study STEM and prepare for careers in aerospace and other sciences. To give credit where credit is due, NASA's move is in response to President [Trump's Inspire Women Act](#), which he signed into law back in February. NASA is also creating other programs to advance STEM studies, including NASA GIRLS & BOYS, a program that provides middle school students with a virtual mentorship with NASA employees.

WELL THAT'S INTERESTING: suburban kids pay tuition to attend DC public schools. While choice opponents like to argue that educational choice is all about taking money away from public schools so that students can attend private or parochial schools, public schools like the DC based Duke Ellington School of the Arts are turning that supposed paradigm on its head. 45 suburban families are currently plunking out \$11,000 a year in tuition to send their children to the Northwest DC school. And if it were not for a 10% cap on out-of-district students, that enrollment statistic would be even higher.



[Beyond the First 100 Days: Transforming government's role in education](#) is both a review of progress to date, a reiteration of its January, 2017 recommendations to the Trump Administration, and an extension on the work that must be performed. [Read here](#) if you haven't already.

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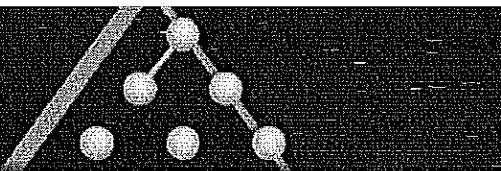
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Energy Department Announces Eleven Projects to Boost Private-Sector Support of Energy Innovation

USDOE

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced \$7.8 million in support of eleven projects to unlock private-sector resources for energy innovation. The projects, part of DOE's Innovative Pathways program, are designed to address the systemic barriers currently preventing the private sector from more fully supporting energy innovation and bringing new energy technologies to market. The projects will develop and test new ways to integrate emerging technologies into the energy industry and new models to unlock private capital in support of American energy innovation.

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Court rejects 2015 EPA biofuels waivers

The Hill

A federal court on Friday rejected an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decision to waive certain ethanol blending requirements that regulators said were appropriate due to the state of fuel markets. The Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled that the EPA erred in 2015 when it waived certain biofuel blending requirements set in the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) law seven years prior. The EPA decision in 2015 required oil refiners blend 18.11 billion gallons of biofuels into their gasoline and diesel supply the following year. That level was below the goal set by Congress, but the EPA said it was waiving the requirement because demand pressures were limiting the ability to increase renewable fuel levels as quickly as the law required.

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Plug Power to Provide More Fuel Cell, Hydrogen Tech to Walmart

NGT News

Plug Power Inc. has announced a new collaborative agreement with Walmart to expand the companies' ongoing relationship and support Walmart's expanded use of Plug Power hydrogen fuel cells in its distribution center material handling fleet. Under the agreement, Plug Power expects to provide its GenKey hydrogen fueling station and fuel cell energy solutions to up to 30 additional Walmart sites in North America over the next three years, with 10 sites already under contract and scheduled to be finished by the end of 2017.

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JPMorgan Chase to source 100 per cent renewable energy by 2025

Climate Action UN

On Friday 28 July, the global banking giant JPMorgan Chase announced that by 2015, all its property assets will be fuelled exclusively with renewable energy and that by then it will facilitate \$200 billion in clean financing. The company owns property that totals approximately 79 million square meters, across 60 countries all over the world. The global banking giant's plans include the on-site renewable energy installations, the procurement of clean energy through Power Purchase Agreements with renewable energy projects, and energy efficiency projects to reduce the demand side.

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Peace Boat eyes up fuel cells and batteries for five more Ecoships Passenger Ship

Peace Boat is planning to build five new ships that go a step further than prototype Ecoship by using more battery power and deploying fuel cell technology, director and founder Yoshioka Tatsuya told Passenger Ship Technology in an exclusive interview. And the target is to build five ships in five years "depending on the market situation", Mr Tatsuya said. He unveiled details about the future newbuildings "The new ship will be similar to our Ecoship prototype, but we are expecting developments of batteries and fuel cell technology."

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European Commission Backs 3D Printed Clean Energy Project Cell3ditor 3D Printing Industry

The Cell3Ditor project is developing a hybrid inkjet/SLA ceramic 3D printer for the mass production of low emission Solid Oxide Fuel Cells (SOFCs). As an alternative to carbon-based energy generation, the project has been backed by the European Commission within the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking (FCH JU). Over the next three and half years the commission will support Cell3Ditor on its mission to develop the materials, machinery, and processes necessary to create and up-scale a circular system for alternative energy production.

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FuelCell lands 40 megawatts in Long Island

Hartford Business

Danbury's FuelCell Energy said it has won a contract to build 11 of its fuel cell plants on Long Island. Long Island Power Authority has agreed to purchase the electricity from units, which have a combined capacity of 39.8 megawatts, for the next 20 years. The fuel cells would be located in three different areas. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed. CEO Arthur "Chip" Bottone said the projects will enhance power generation and resiliency needs.

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Bonn Climate Project: The case for hydrogen

Splash 24/7

Bonn Climate Project, a clean energy outfit based in the former West German capital, is making efforts to become a pioneer in the energy transformation of ship propulsion. The project now offers entire hydrogen fuel cell boat and ship concepts and solutions. Heinz Sturm, founder of the Bonn Climate Project, has been investing in green tech since the year 2000. He acquired the Hydra, the world's first civilian, electric hydrogen fuel cell boat as well as all patents and methodologies.

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Nano aluminium offers fuel cells on demand - just add water

New Scientist

The accidental discovery of a novel aluminium alloy that reacts with water in a highly unusual way may be the first step to reviving the struggling hydrogen economy. It could offer a convenient and portable source of hydrogen for fuel cells and other applications, potentially transforming the energy market and providing an alternative to batteries and liquid fuels. "The important aspect of the approach is that it lets you make very compact systems," says Anthony Kucernak, who studies fuel cells at Imperial College London and wasn't involved with the research.

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Report: BMW X7 Concept Will Have Hydrogen Fuel Cell

Auto Guide

A BMW X7 concept will debut at the 2017 Frankfurt Motor Show next month with a hydrogen fuel cell powertrain, according to a new report. It has long been known that BMW has a large three-row SUV in the works that will bear the X7 badge, but rumors that a hydrogen-powered concept will arrive are all-new. If the intel is to be believed, the concept will spawn a production version of the X7 with a hydrogen system.

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The Ohio Commission on Minority Health announces round five of availability of funds for fiscal years 2018/2019 to newly certified HUB expansion grants. This is a competitive-bid process. This funding will allow for the expansion of newly certified pathways community HUBs to address infant mortality.

Please click [HERE](#) to access the RFP.

Check the Commission's website on August 7th For the Second round of the 2018 Minority Health Month RFP!!

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HPIO online seminar to explore latest developments in federal health reform

Although the Senate failed to repeal or replace the ACA last week, the future of federal health policy remains unclear. So what comes next in terms of health reform.

Given the uncertainty surrounding federal health policy, HPIO is hosting a series of online seminars where state and national experts will provide analysis of the latest developments in Washington and explain what they could mean for Ohio.

The second of these three online seminars is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Thursday Aug. 24, featuring Robert Laszewski, President, Health Policy and Strategy Associates, Inc. and author of the Health Care Policy and Marketplace Review. Laszewski is an influential national expert on the healthcare market. His writing has appeared in Forbes, Kaiser Health News and other national publications. In addition, his consulting clients include health insurance companies, casualty insurance companies, HMOs, Blue Cross organizations, hospitals, pharmaceutical companies and physician groups.

Governors urge Trump to keep ACA cost-sharing subsidies

Democratic and Republican governors on Wednesday urged the Trump administration, as well as Congress, to continue funding payments to health insurance companies that make Obamacare plans affordable, calling it critical to stabilizing the insurance marketplace
(Source: "U.S. governors urge Trump to make insurance payments," Reuters, Aug. 2, 2017)

Republican President Donald Trump, frustrated that Obamacare survived attempts to repeal it, has threatened to cut off about \$8 billion in subsidies that help control costs for low-income Americans under the Affordable Care Act.

"The Administration has the opportunity to stabilize the health insurance market across our nation and ensure that our residents can continue to access affordable health care coverage," said a statement by the Health and Human Services Committee of the National Governors Association.

Some Congressional Republicans have joined Democrats in urging Trump to continue the payments. Republican Senator Lamar Alexander, chairman of the health committee, said Tuesday the president should pay the subsidies through September while lawmakers work on bipartisan legislation to fund the outlays for another year.

But the Senate's No. 2 Republican John Cornyn hesitated when asked Wednesday if he would support such legislation. "I've said before that I'm not in favor of throwing money at insurance companies without reform, so that's going to be the nature of the conversation," Cornyn told reporters outside his office.

ODI: 19 Ohio counties regain ACA marketplace plans

Officials with the Ohio Department of Insurance announced this week that they have worked with five health care insurers to cover 19 Ohio counties that otherwise wouldn't have had a health insurance option on the federal health care exchange next year (Source: "[Health care in Ohio: 19 counties to again have insurance option](#)," Associated Press via the Lorain Morning Journal, July 31, 2017).

ODI joined Buckeye Health Plan, CareSource, Medical Mutual of Ohio, Molina Health Care of Ohio and Paramount Health Care in the announcement Monday.

Two major insurers had announced earlier this year that they would leave the exchange in 2018, leaving Ohioans in 20 counties without an option on the exchange. The department's statement says it's

working to restore coverage in the 20th county, Paulding, before late September.

The 19 counties are: Coshocton, Crawford, Guernsey, Hancock, Harrison, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Knox, Lawrence, Logan, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Van Wert, Vinton, Williams and Wyandot.

Ohio gets low score for cancer policies

Ohio has failed a recent evaluation by the American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network, meeting just three of the network's nine public policy goals aimed at reducing cancer diagnoses and deaths (Source: "**Ohio fails on cancer-control policies, study finds,**" Columbus Dispatch, Aug. 3, 2017)

The state was highly criticized in three areas: for not prohibiting minors from using tanning beds; for allocating just 10.3 percent of the federal government's recommended funding level for tobacco-control programs; and for appropriating less than one-third of matching funds to a federal award for breast and cervical cancer screening programs.

The report, released Thursday, focuses on tobacco cessation, access to care and quality-of-life issues, said Jeff Stephens, the network's government relations director.

"Ohio is just sort of average," Stephens said. "We've missed some big opportunities in the last handful of years, particularly in the past two biennial budgets, with really attacking the issues around tobacco control."

On the plus side, Ohio was singled out for being one of just four states that protect the most residents from secondhand smoke and one of just nine states that provide the most comprehensive tobacco cessation coverage through Medicaid. Ohio also was mentioned for being among the states that expanded Medicaid coverage to include families earning up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level (\$12,060 a year for the first person in a family, and \$4,180 for each additional person).

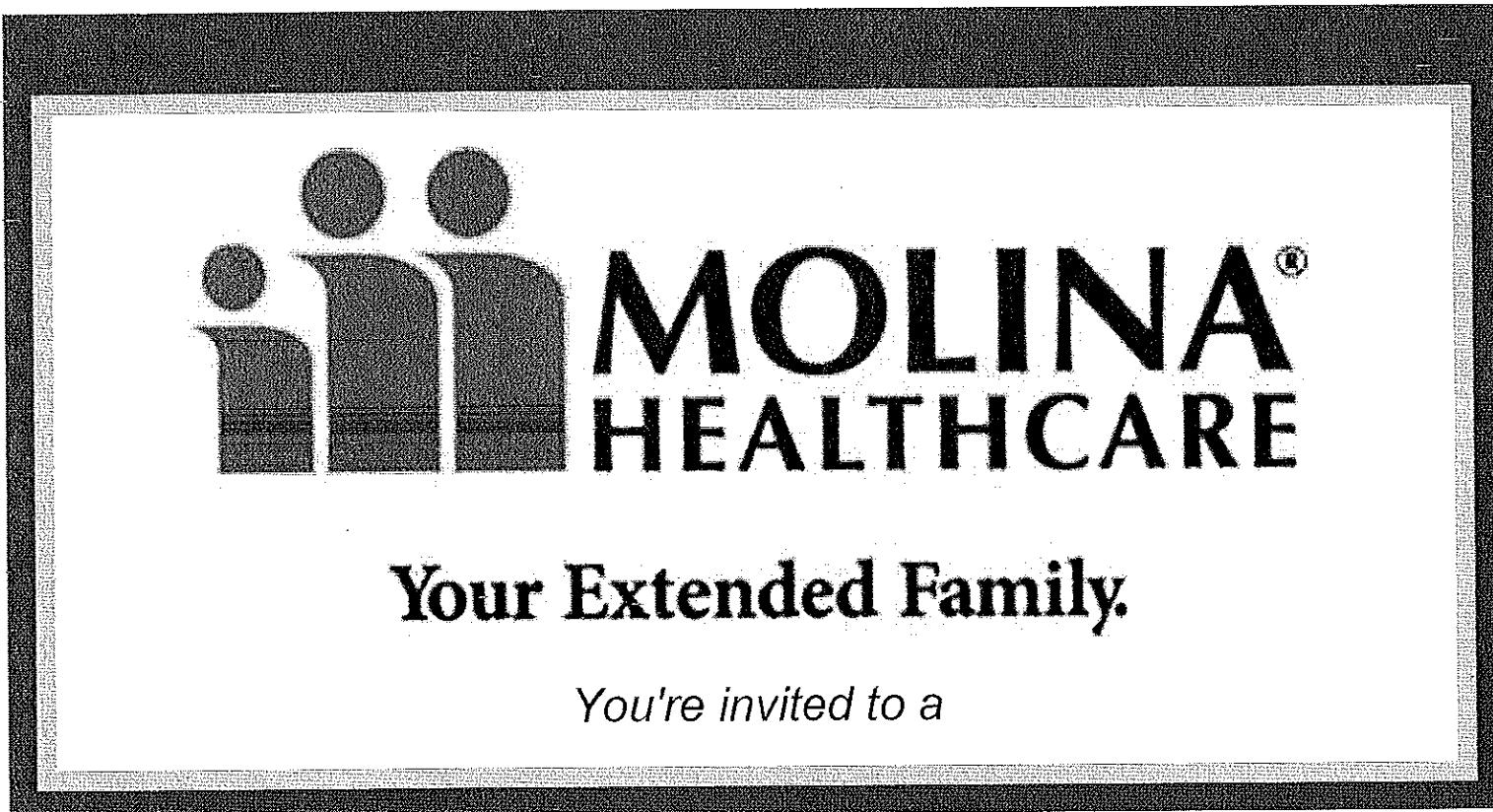
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Announcement - PASSPORT Waiver Public Comment Period

This is to inform you that the State of Ohio is offering the opportunity to comment on the PASSPORT waiver amendment being proposed to remove the Shared Living Service from the waiver. The comment period begins July 24, 2017 and ends on August 24, 2017. The link to the waiver document can be found at: <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov/RESOURCES/PublicNotices/RemoveSharedLivingService.aspx>

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Webinar Invitation



Molina Healthcare of Ohio Webinar Session

Senior Scams

Join Molina staff and Ryan Lippe, Consumer Educator in the Consumer Protection Section of the Office of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine for a presentation about avoiding scams targeting senior citizens.

When

Monday
August 14th, 2017
12 – 1 pm EST time

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2017 Infant Mortality Conference *"See attachments SAVE THE DATE, 2017"*

Brief Conference Summary

Theme: ***EveryOne Should Turn One*** Infant Mortality Conference

Conference Goals: To inform the community about infant mortality; and build up and strengthen collective action to enact policies and take action to address factors that contribute to infant mortality at the systems, community/environment, and grassroots levels

Location: **Dayton Convention Center**

Dates: **September 22-23, 2017**

Executive Summary

September Infant Mortality Conference

The Dayton & Montgomery County Infant Mortality Task Force Team is engaged in a community awareness campaign to increase awareness - at the policy/systems, community/environment, and grassroots/affected population level - of all aspects of infant mortality, including contributing factors, the disparity gap, prevention strategies, and ways to work collaboratively to improve the health outcome.

In September, a conference is being planned by a collaborative team of many partners from diverse sectors. The conference will be supported by the Dayton & Montgomery County Infant Mortality Task Force Team, OEI/MCH team, PHDMC staff, the planning team and other partners, and community volunteers.

The goal of the conference is to inform the community about infant mortality, and build up and strengthen collective action to enact policies, and take action to address infant mortality at the systems, community/environment, and grassroots levels, to address contributing factors.

Thursday evening will be invitation only with partners at the systems-level, including city, county, state and federal government, health, social services, academic, civic, and other leaders. The lead is Terra Williams.

Friday will be designed for stakeholders, i.e., clinical providers, academicians, and other professionals, with CEs/contact hours offered to nurses. The co-leads are Maleka Embry and Cheryl Scroggins.

Saturday will be designed for the grassroots community and providers serving particularly target populations. The co-leads are Maleka Embry and Cheryl Scroggins.

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U.S. Senate votes down ACA repeal plan

The U.S. Senate in the early hours of Friday morning rejected a new, scaled-down Republican plan to repeal parts of the Affordable Care Act, derailing the Republicans' seven-year campaign to dismantle President Barack Obama's signature health care law (Source: "**Senate Rejects Slimmed-Down Obamacare Repeal as McCain Votes No,**" New York Times, July 27, 2017).

Republican senators Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and John McCain of Arizona joined all 48 Democratic senators in opposing the bill.

The "skinny repeal" bill, as it became known at the Capitol this week, would have increased the number of people who are uninsured by 15 million next year compared with current law, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. Premiums for people buying insurance on their own would have increased roughly 20 percent, the budget office said.

The new, eight-page Senate bill, called the Health Care Freedom Act, was unveiled just hours before the vote. It would have ended the requirement that most people have health coverage, known as the individual mandate. But it would not have put in place other incentives for people to obtain coverage — a situation that insurers say would leave them with a pool of sicker, costlier customers. It would also have ended the requirement that large employers offer coverage to their workers.

With so many senators in both parties railing against the fast-track procedures that Republican leaders used, a return to health care seemed certain to go through the committees, where bipartisanship and deliberation are more likely.

Feds unveil plans for uncompensated-care fund cuts

Starting this October, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services could begin cutting billions in federal funds meant to help hospitals with uncompensated-care costs (Source: "**Billions in federal uncompensated-care funds to be cut starting in October,**" Modern Healthcare, July 27, 2017).

The Affordable Care Act mandated that Medicaid disproportionate-share hospital funds be cut by \$43 billion between fiscal 2018 and 2025. During negotiations over the ACA, hospital lobby groups acquiesced to the cuts under the assumption that expanded coverage from the healthcare reform law would reduce the need for the funding.

Congress delayed the cuts, which were supposed to start in 2014, after hospitals complained that increased patient traffic wasn't outpacing uncompensated-care costs. The most recent extension expires Sept. 30.

The agency announced its plans in a **proposed rulemaking Thursday**. The cuts build year over year, starting at \$2 billion in fiscal 2018, before making its way to \$8 billion by fiscal 2025.

Ohio healthcare transparency law in legal limbo

Two years after it passed unanimously in Ohio's state Legislature, a law meant to inform patients what health care procedures will cost has yet to be implemented (Source: "**Health-care price transparency faces opposition in Ohio from hospitals and doctors**," Kaiser Health News via Cincinnati Enquirer, July 23, 2017).

One of the most stringent in a group of similar state laws being proposed across the country, Ohio's Healthcare Price Transparency Law stipulated that providers had to give patients a "good faith" estimate of what non-emergency services would cost individuals after insurance before they commenced treatment.

But the law didn't go into force on Jan. 1 as scheduled. The Ohio Hospital Association, one of the most vocal critics of the law, has filed a court injunction that is currently delaying enactment.

Joining the hospital association in its legal action are a wide range of provider groups including Ohio State Medical Association, the Ohio Psychological Association, the Ohio Physical Therapy Association, and the Ohio chapters of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Surgeons, and the American Osteopathic Association. These groups say that the law, which applies only to elective procedures, is too broad and that forcing providers to create